“Colors of the Well-Tempered Clavier”

Transcriptions for various instruments of the

Well-Tempered Clavier by Jan Leontsky.

By using a different sound (instrument) for each voice of Bach’s fugues, these transcriptions allow the auditor to follow their development and therefore to better understand the sometimes so complex contrapuntal structure of these Fugues of the Well-Tempered Clavier (*). This is almost impossible if these fugues are played on a single keyboard (harpsichord or piano), because of its unique sound envelop (**). Besides, the challenge was to “orchestrate” – always following the original score – all the preludes for several instruments too. For example, for a three-voices fugue, the prelude and the fugue are both transcribed for three instruments. The term “colors” refers to, first, the sound effect of these new “orchestrations” of the Well-Tempered Clavier, then, the use of different tonalities which also change the color of each musical piece.

Leontsky

(*) I humbly tried to do the same transcription work for the Art of the Fugue BWV 1080.

(**) On that crucial point, see my essay : “Le problème Gould” (in French) : https://www.amazon.fr/dp/B09NRDSMYS

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24 Preludes & Fugues

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Prelude & Fugue no. 3 BWV 848 for Concert Flute, Viola & Bassoon.

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24 Preludes & Fugues

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Prelude & Fugue no. 1

BWV 870

for

Violin, Clarinet in Bb

& Harpsichord (2 manuals)

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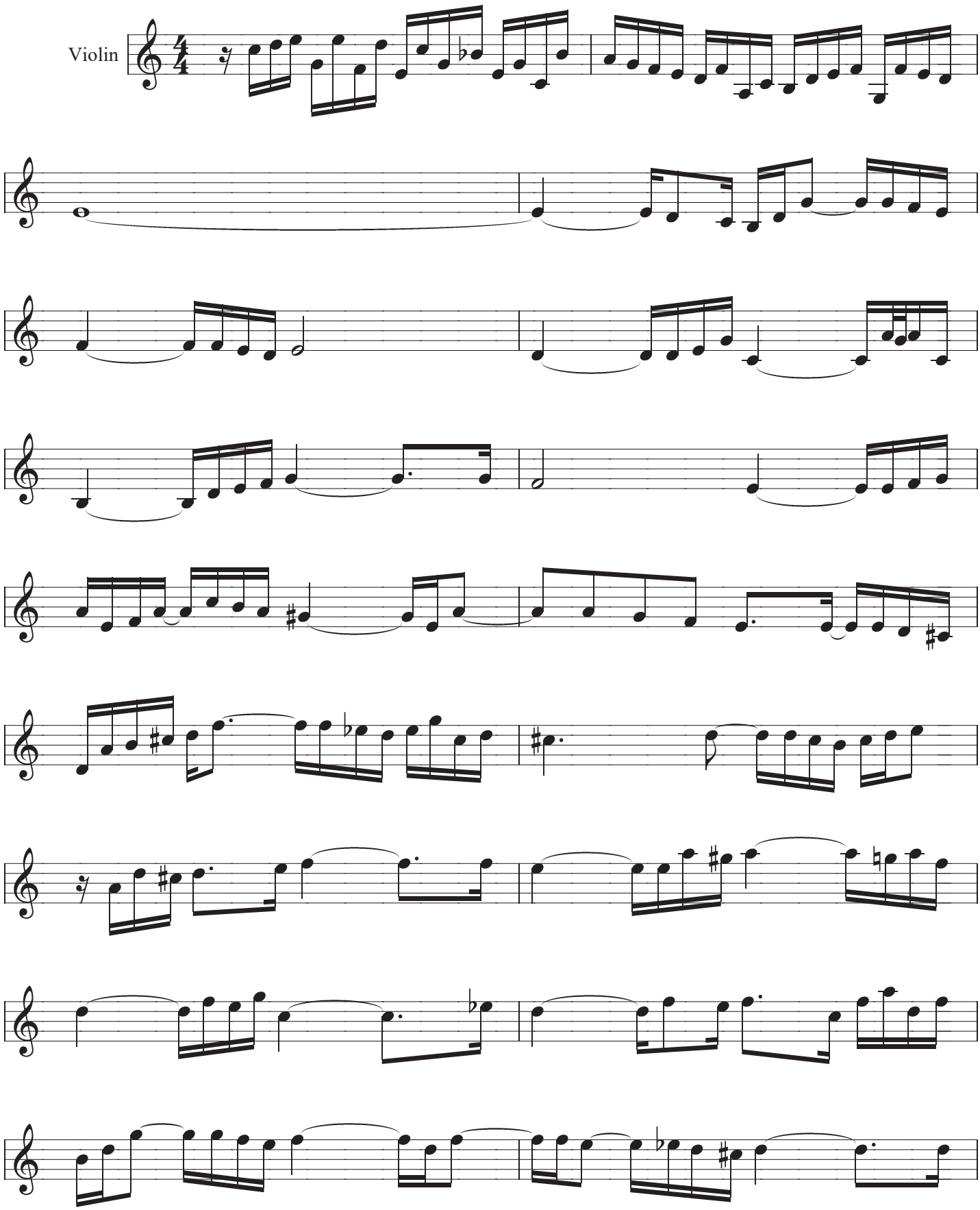
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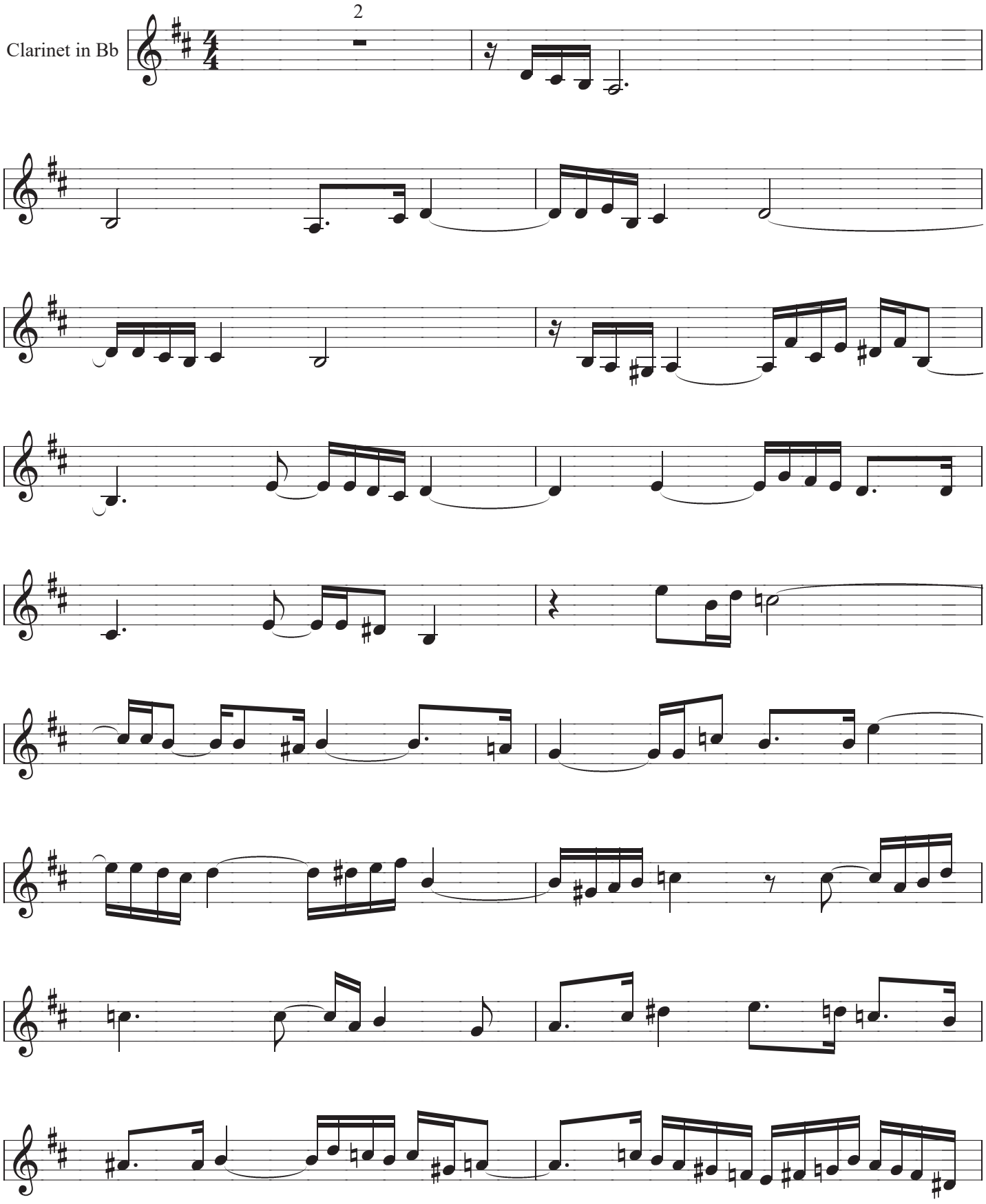
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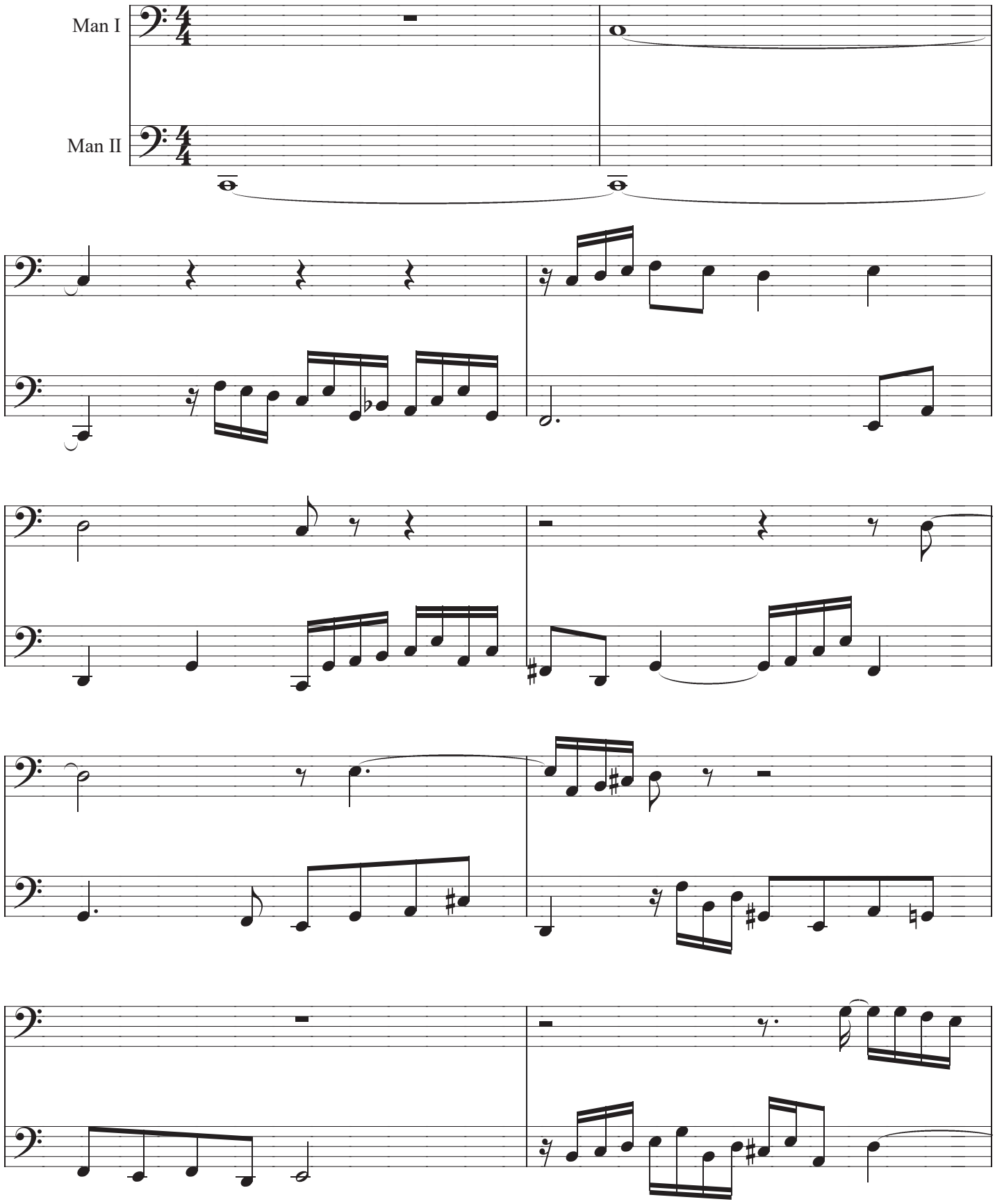
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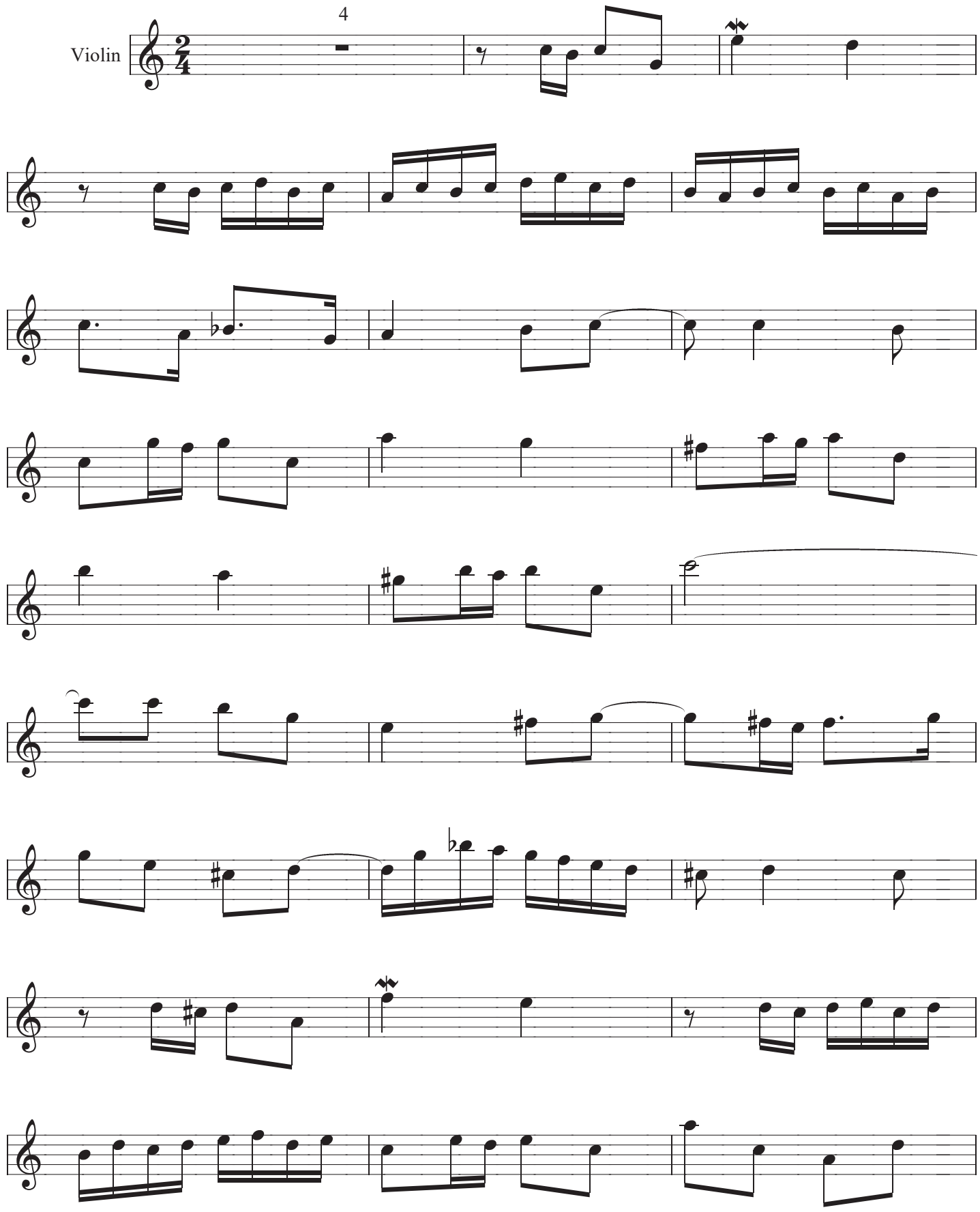
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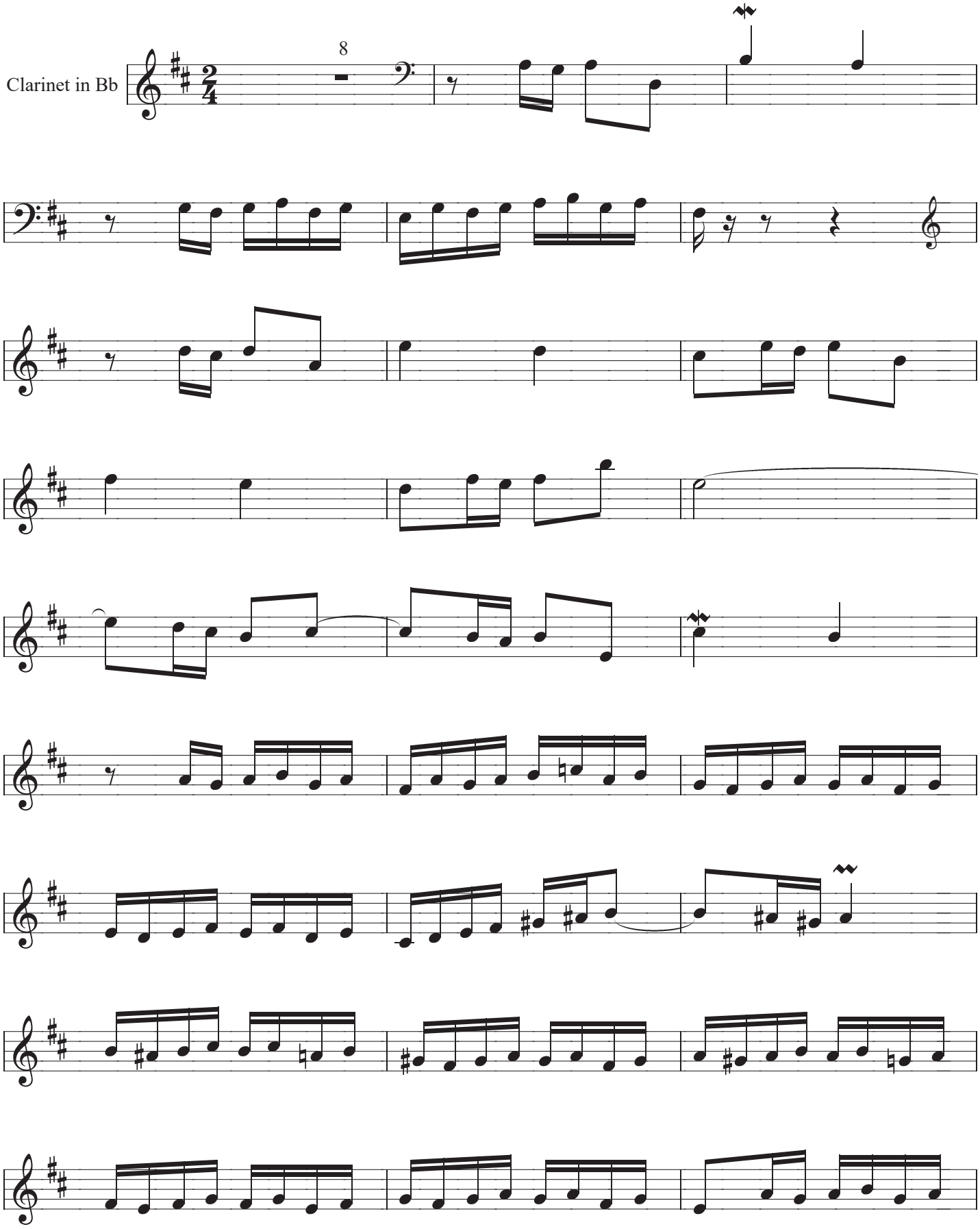
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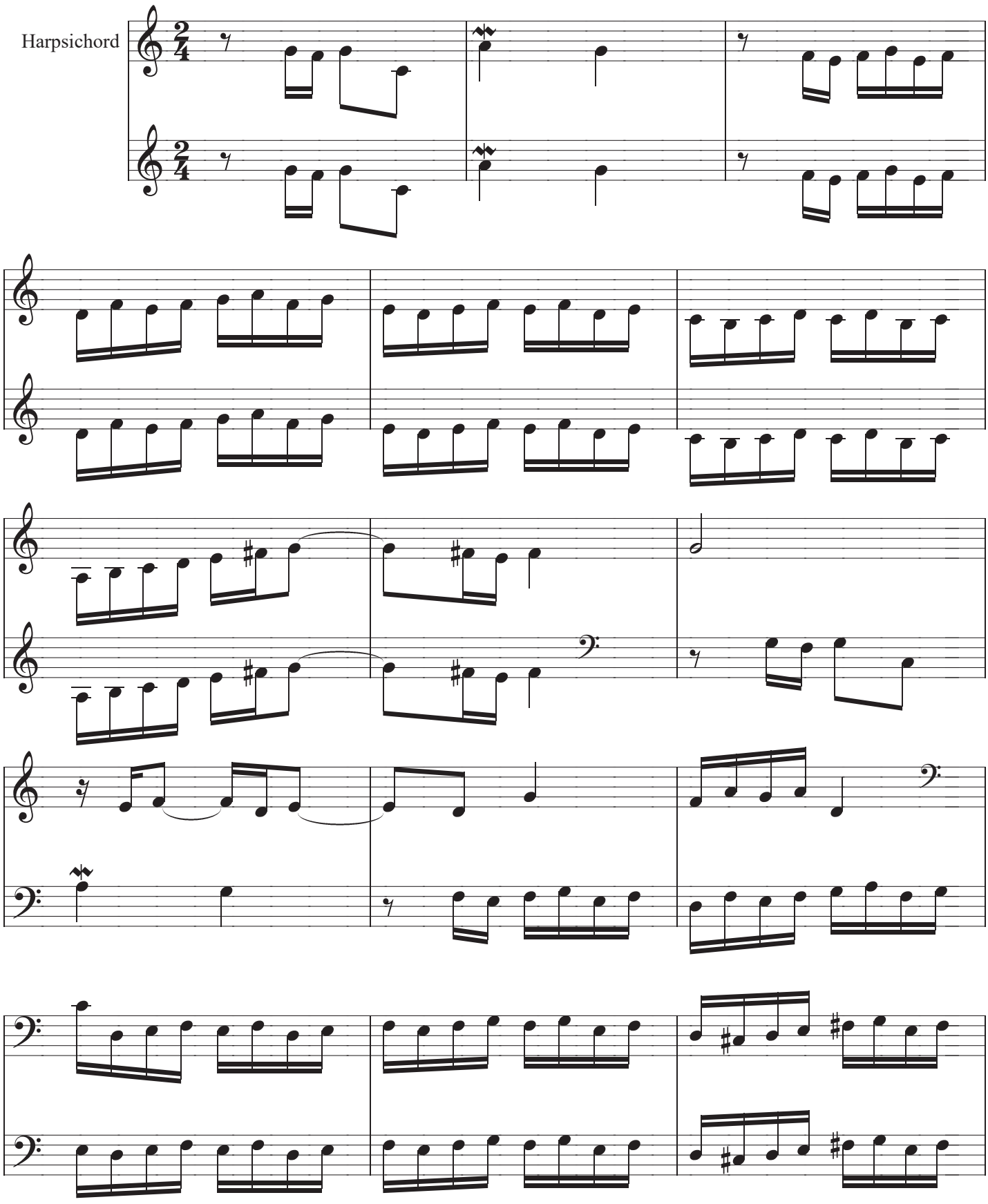
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Prelude & Fugue no. 2

BWV 871

for

Oboe, Violin

& Harpsichord (2 manuals)

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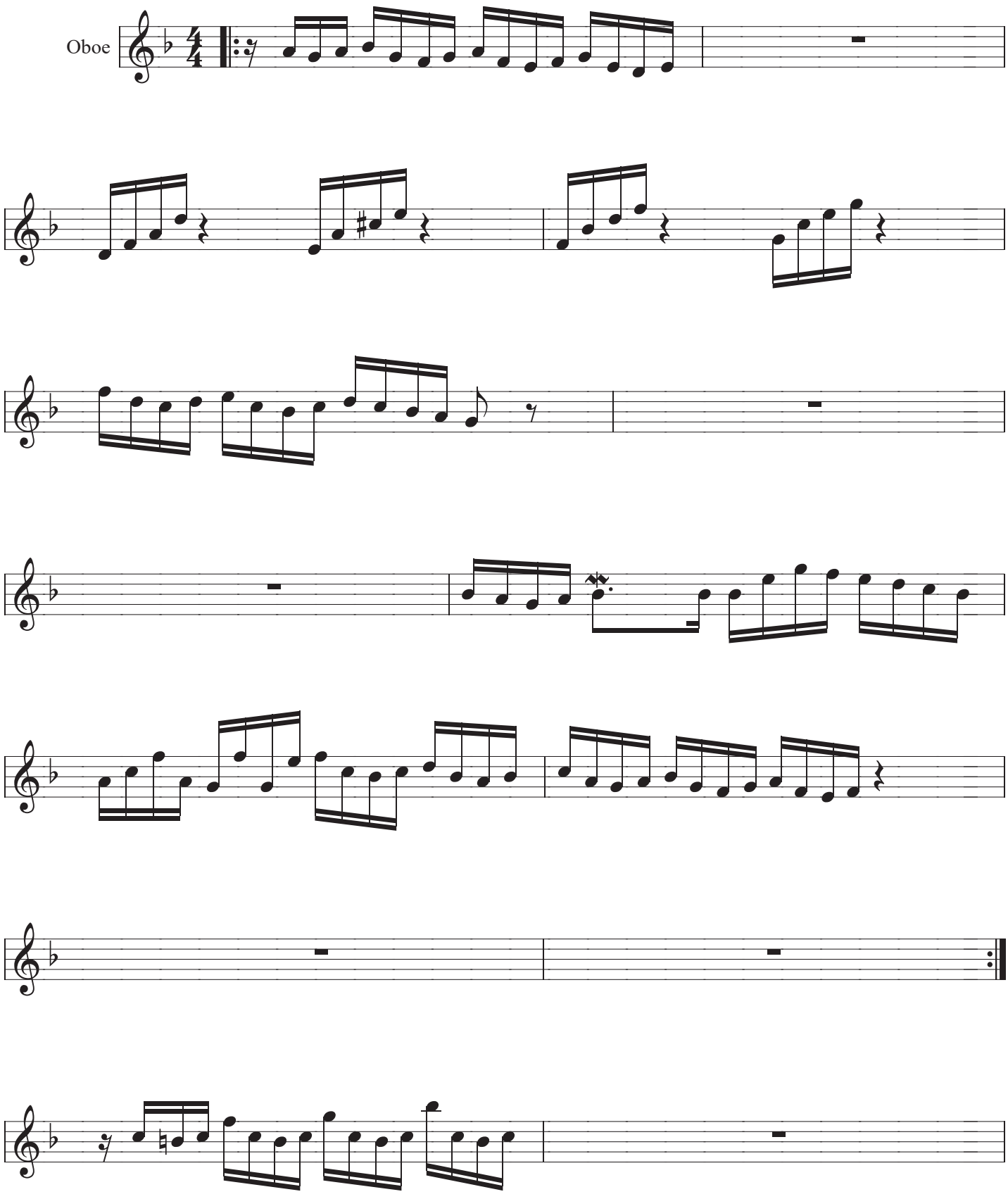
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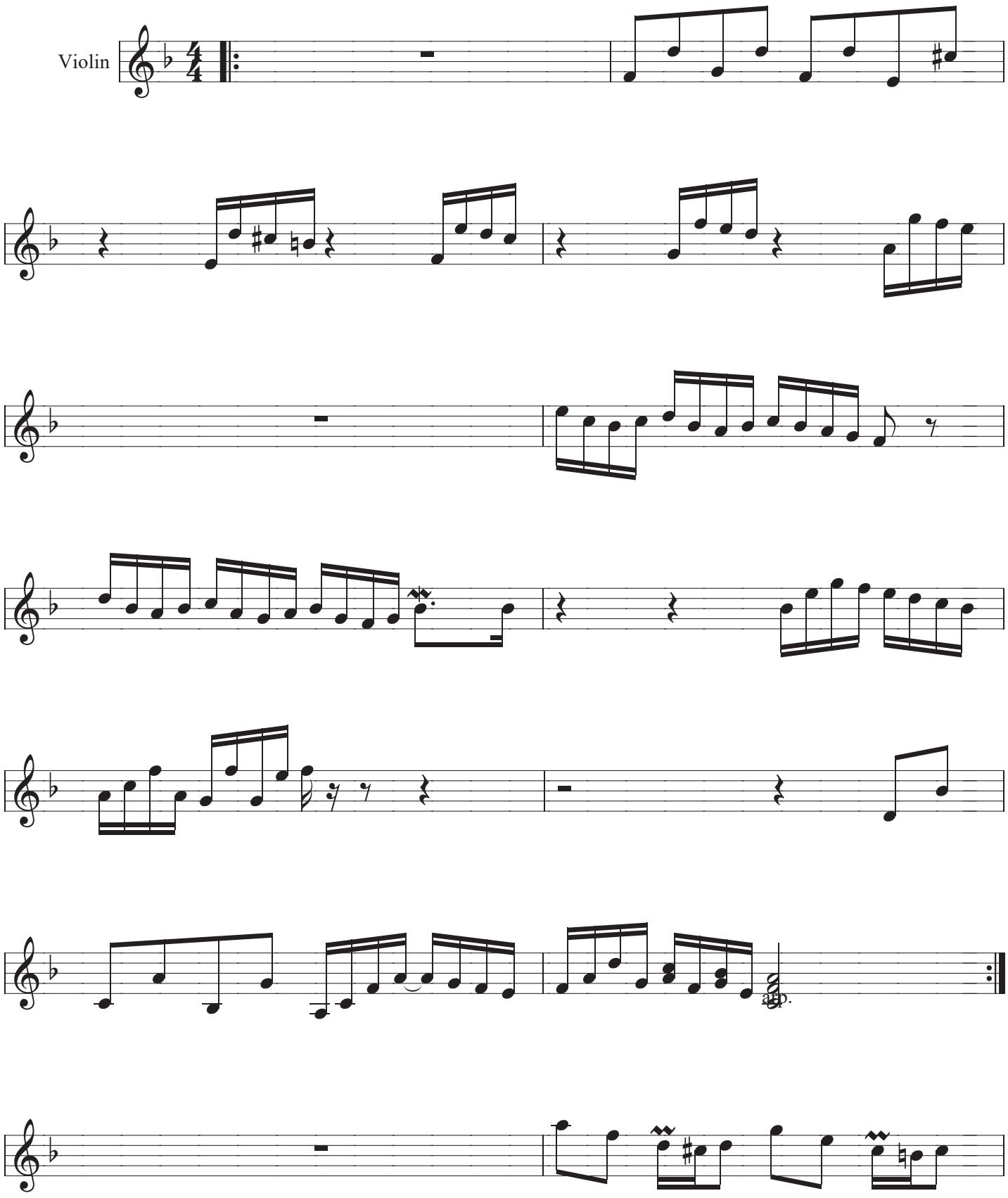
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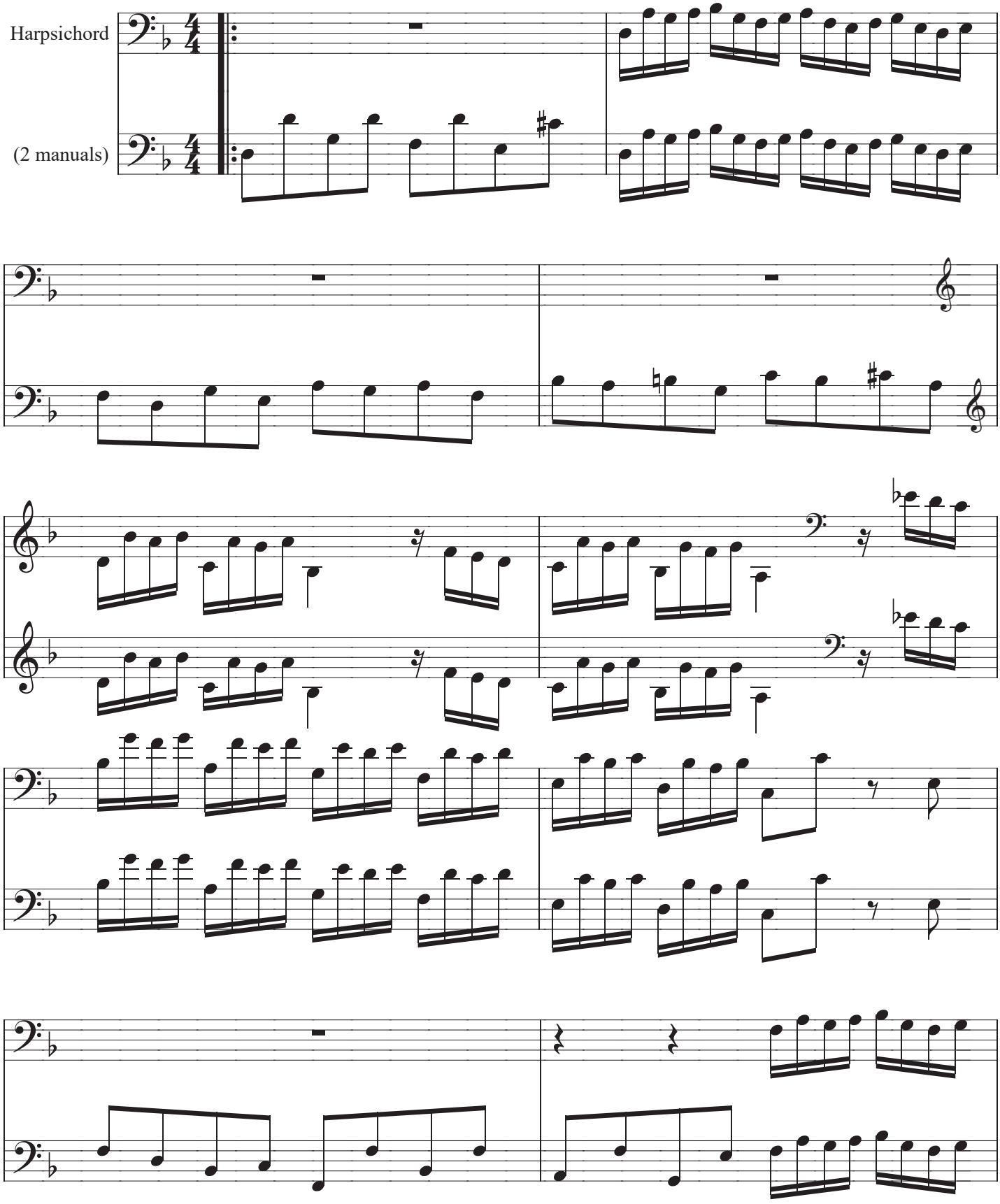
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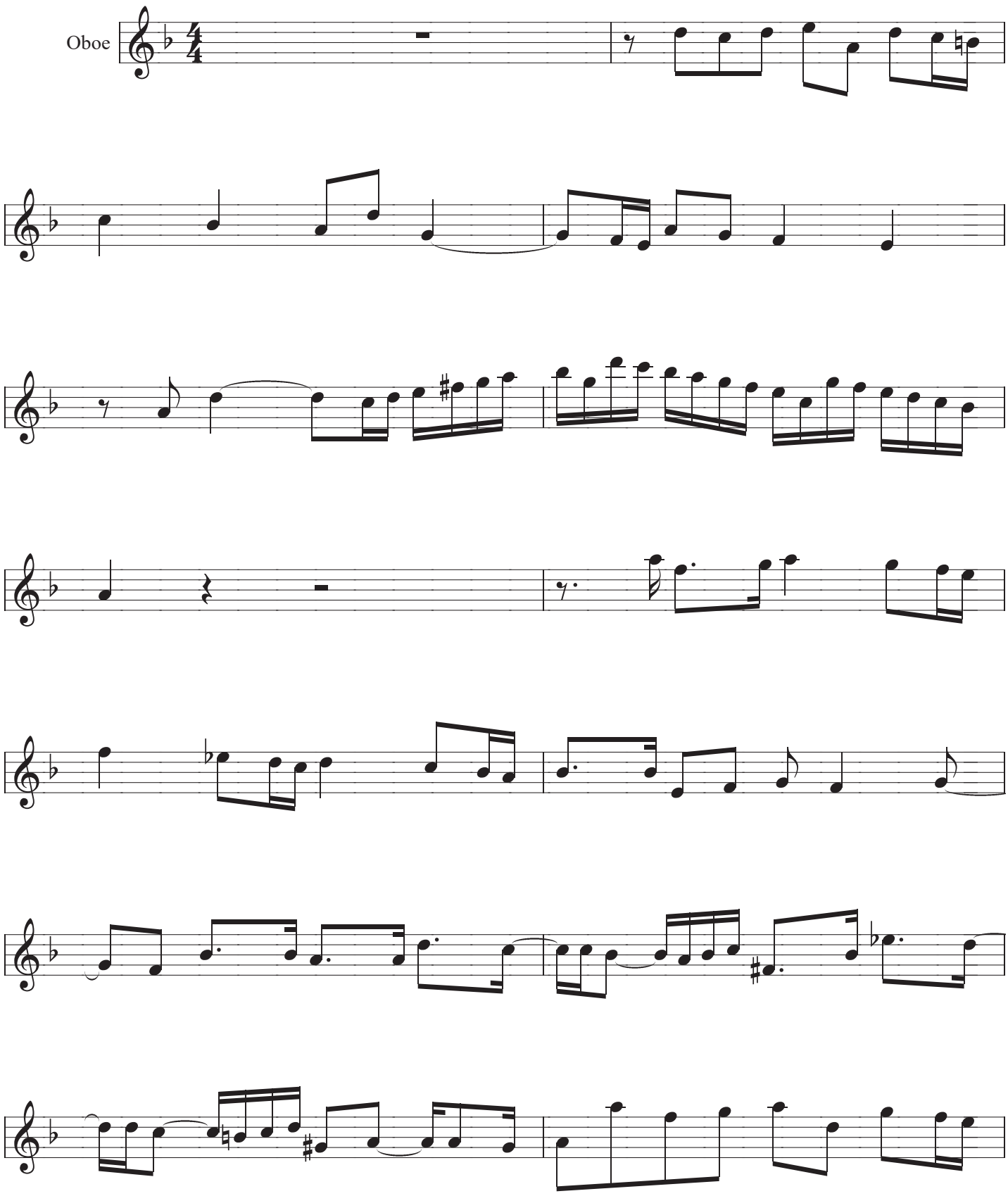
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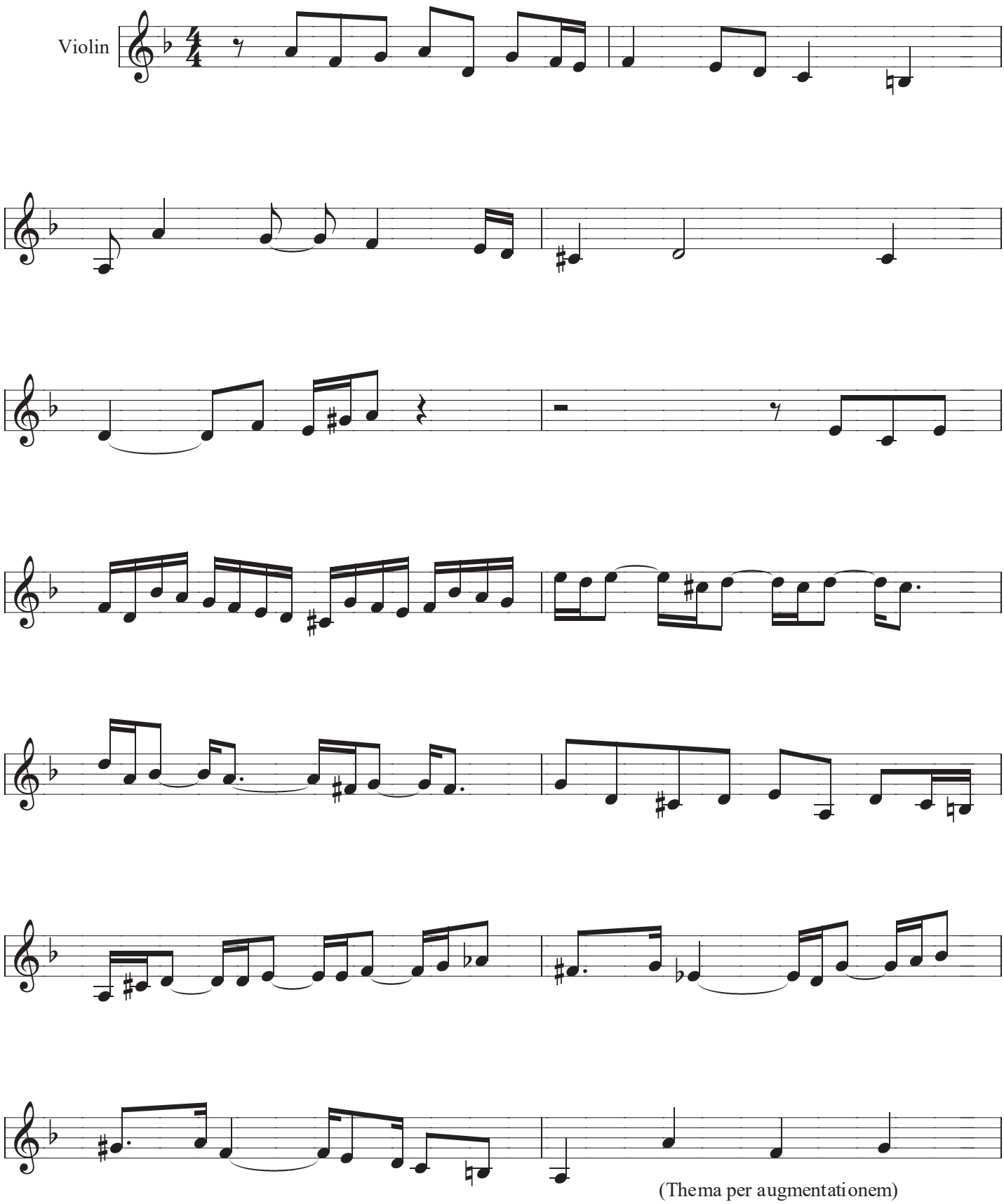
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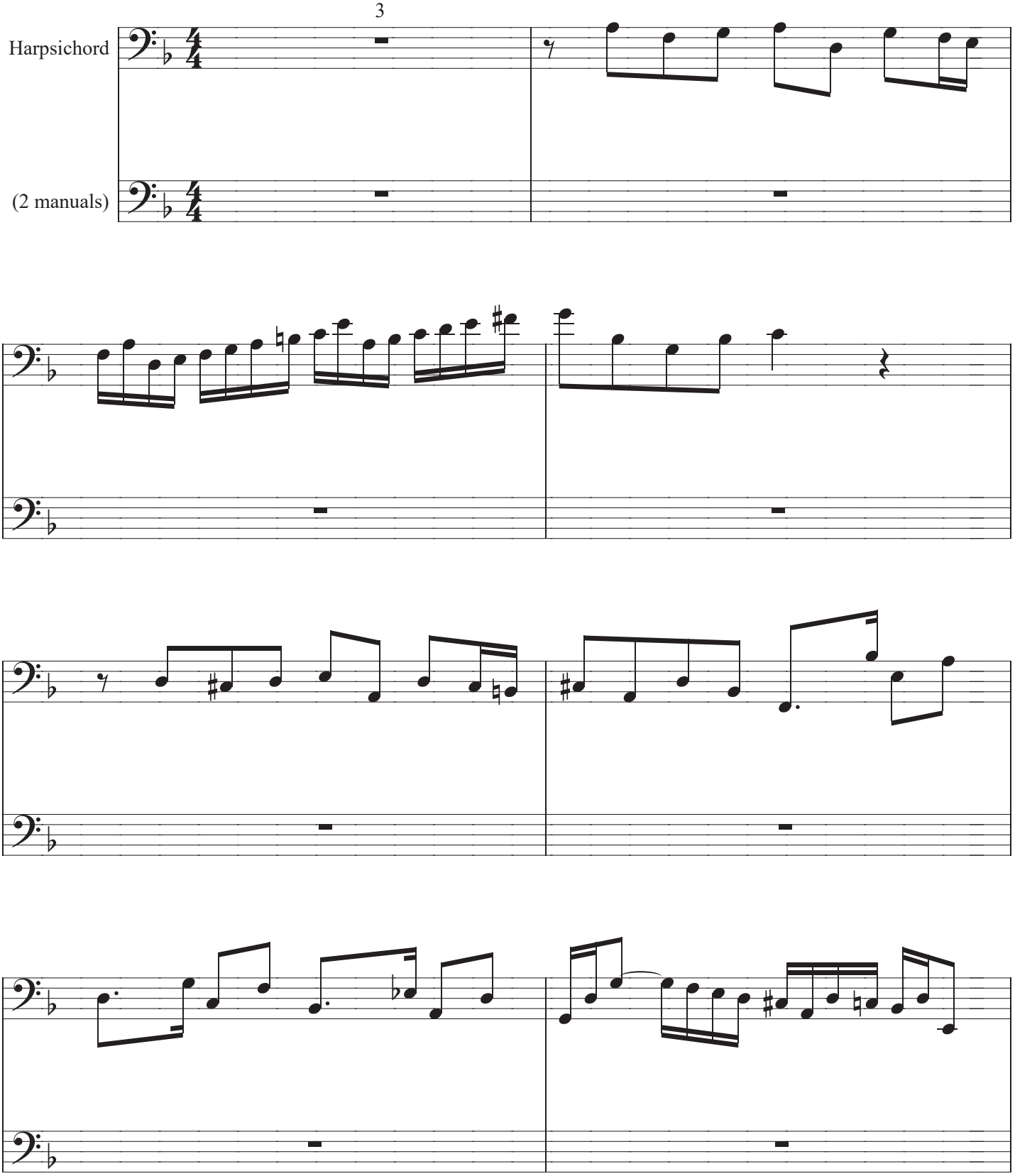
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Prelude & Fugue no. 3

BWV 872

for

Clarinet in Bb & Organ (2 manuals)

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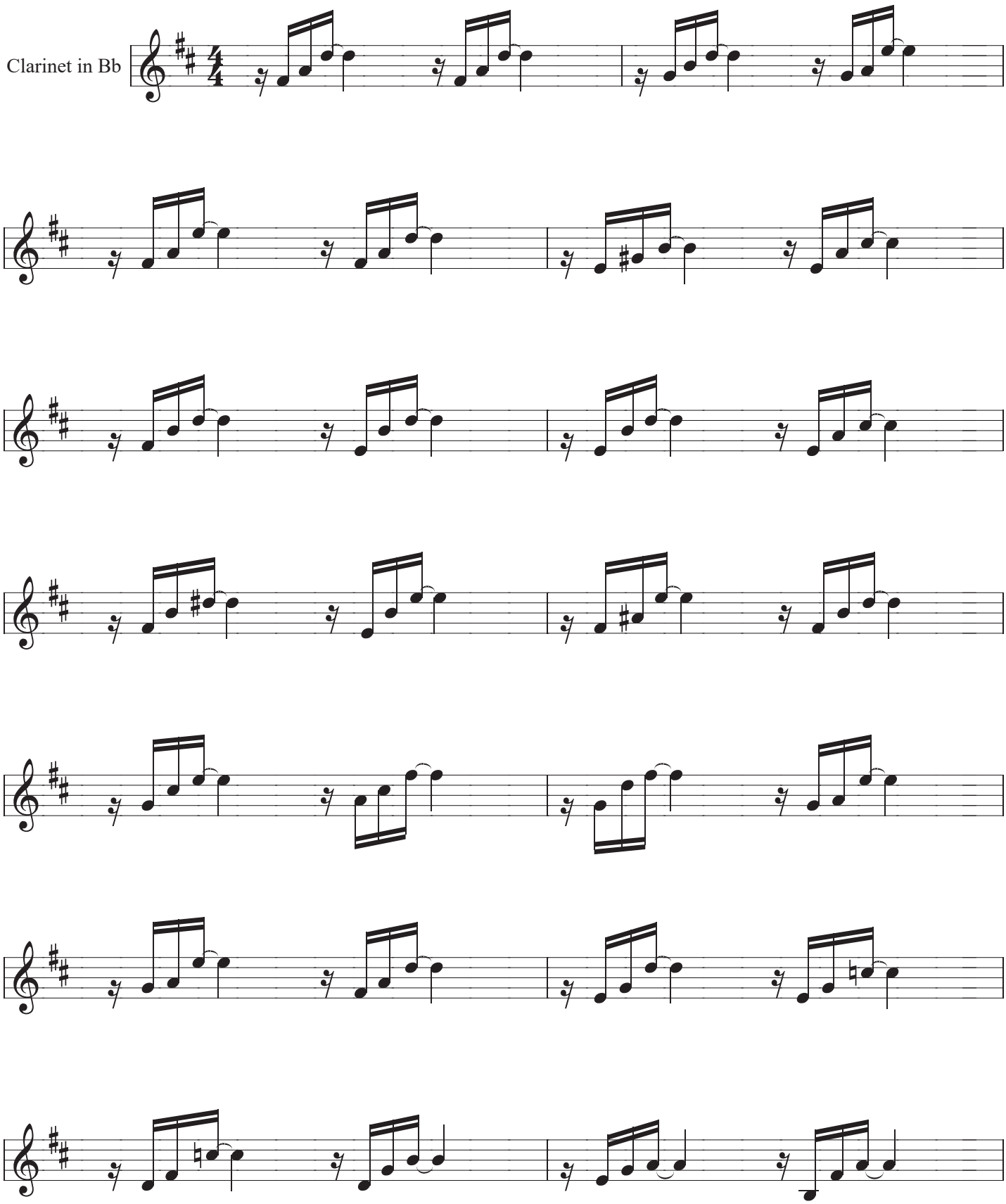
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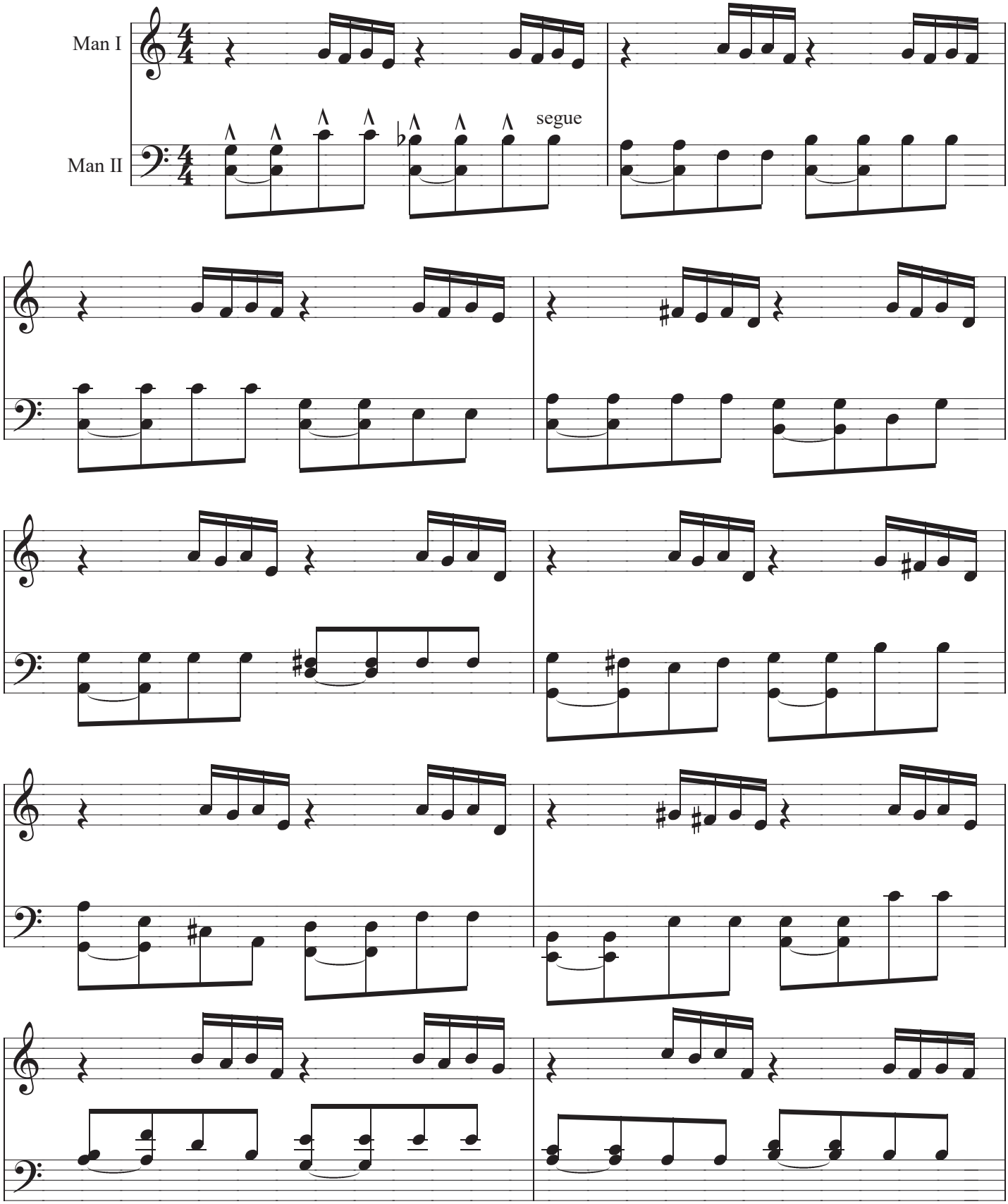
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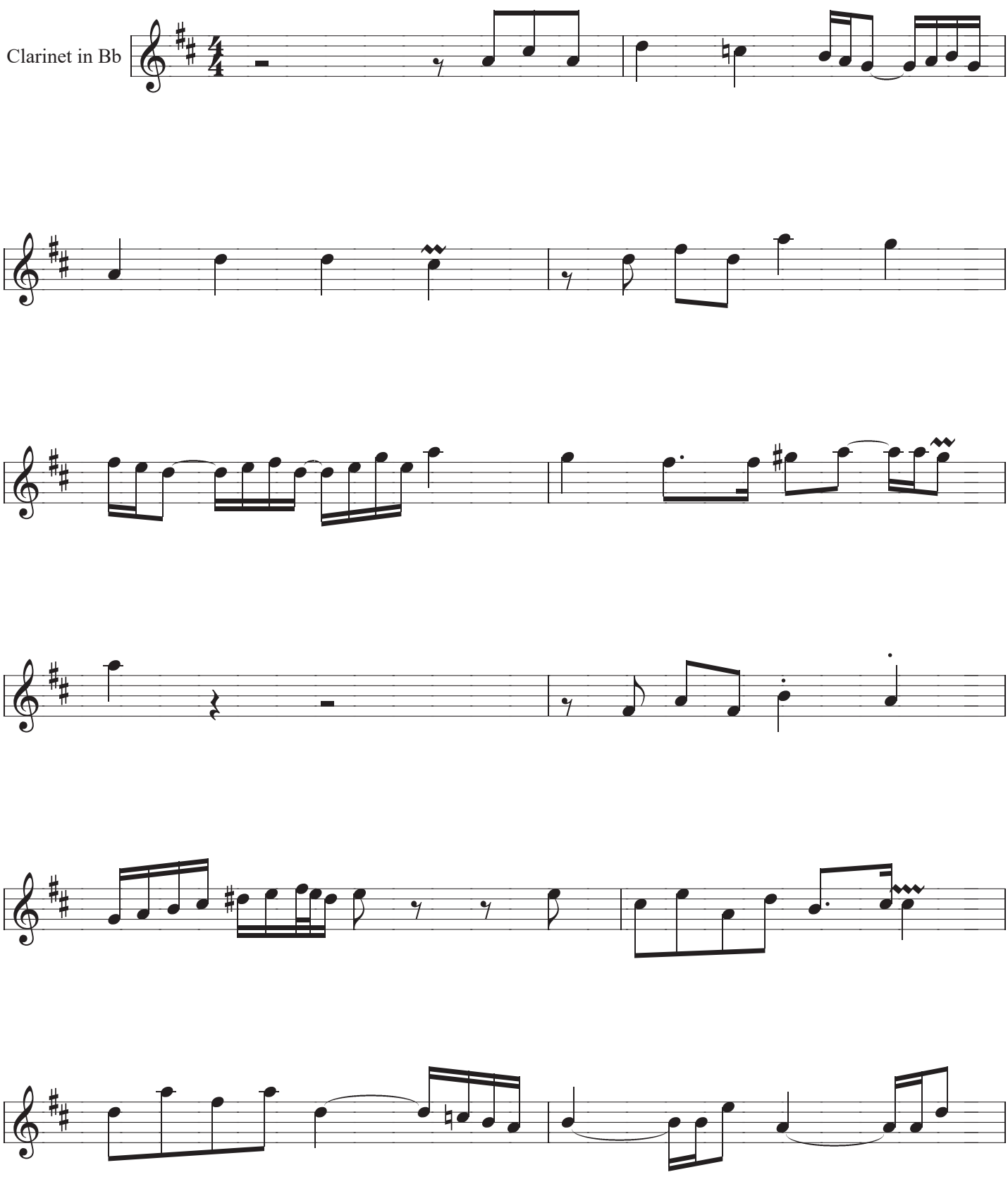
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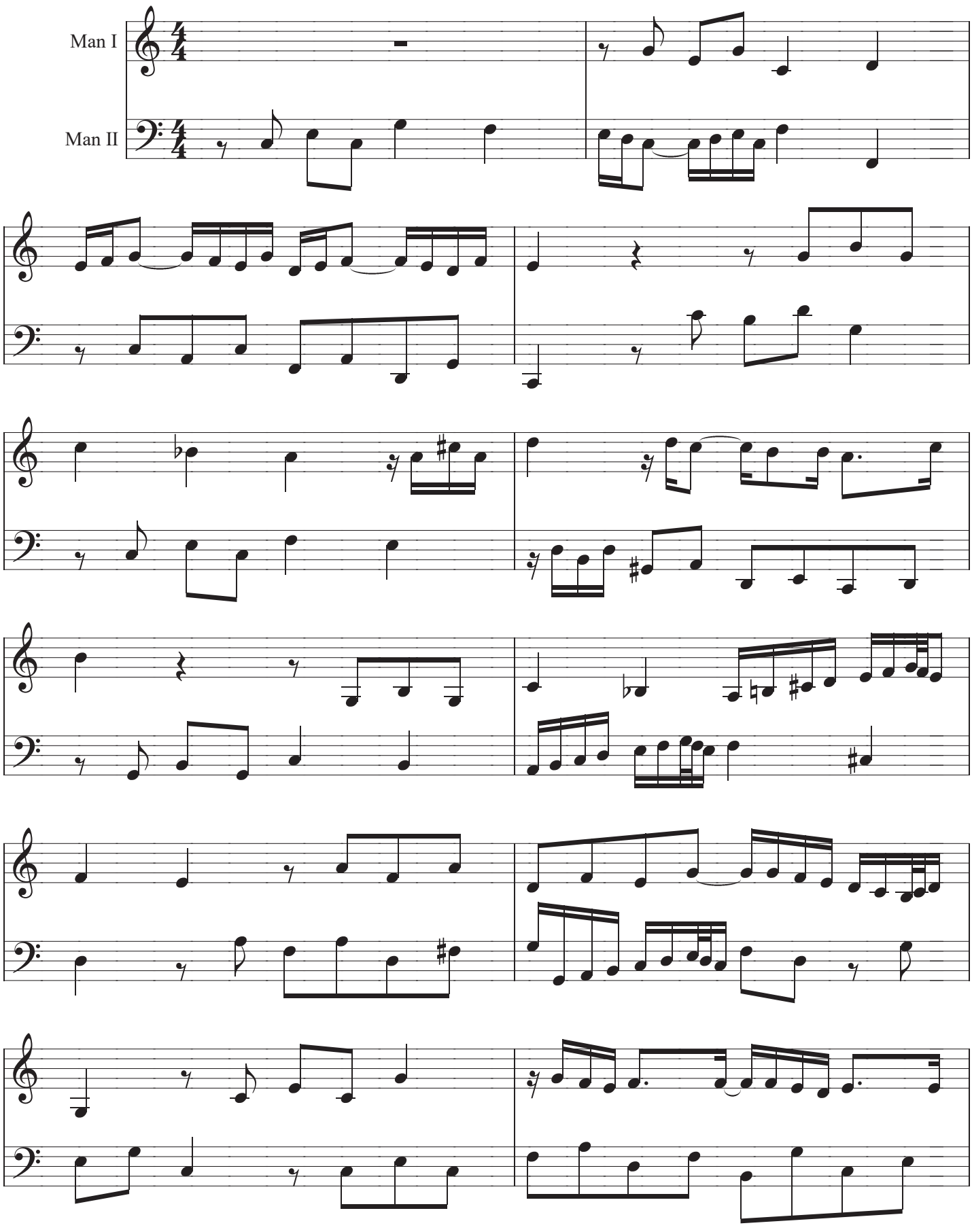
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Prelude & Fugue no. 4

BWV 873

for

String Trio

(Violin, Viola & Cello)

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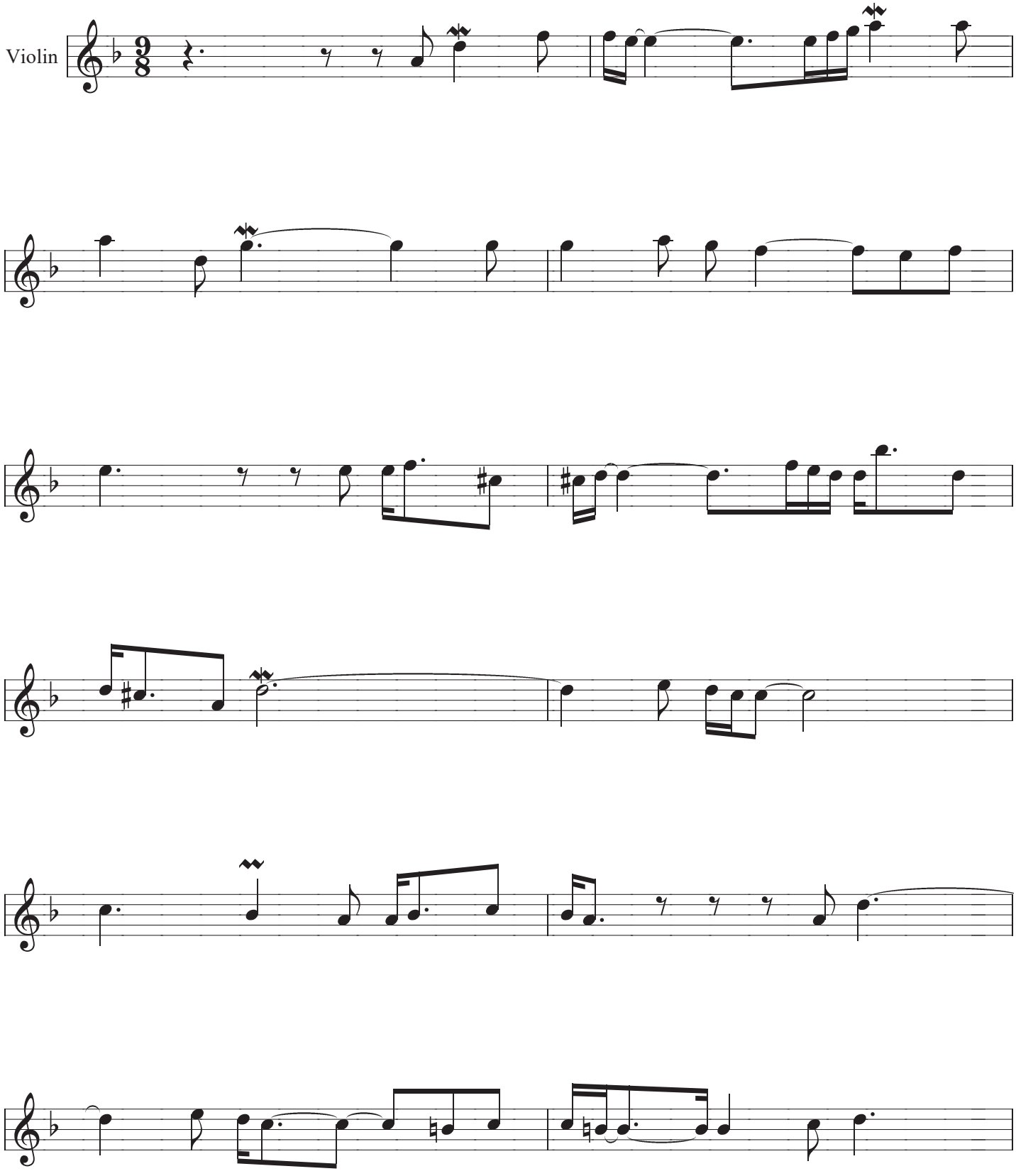
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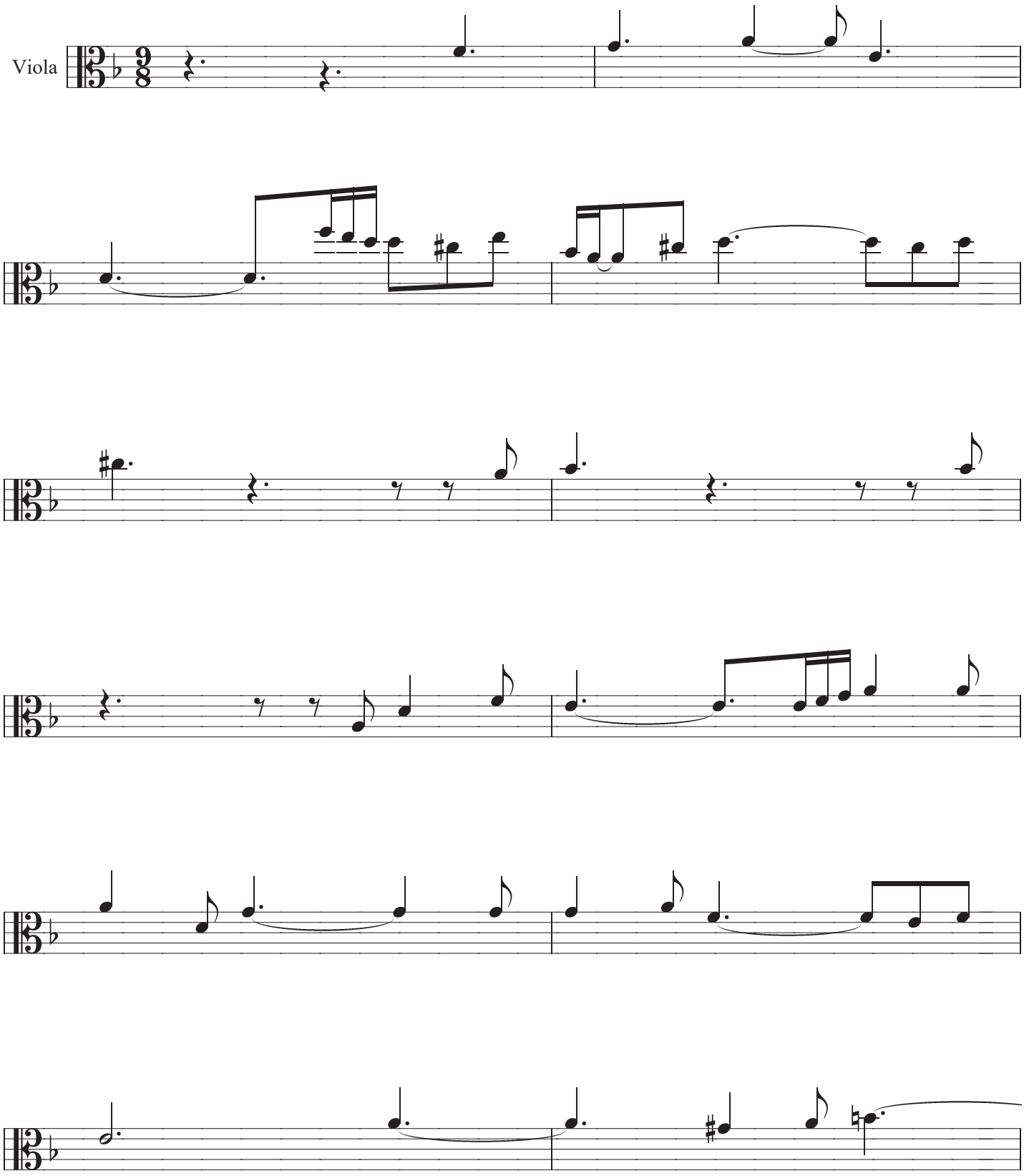
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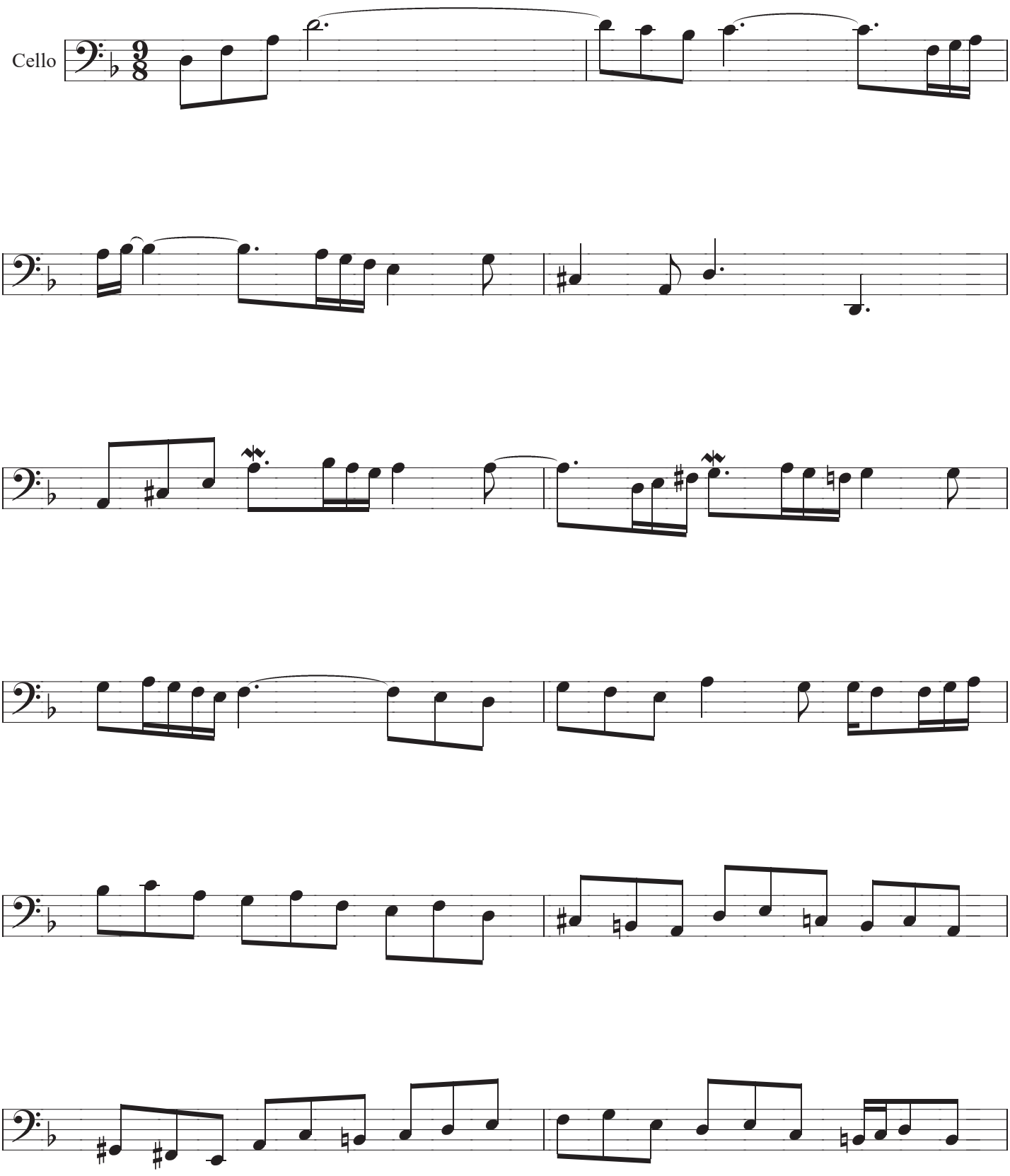
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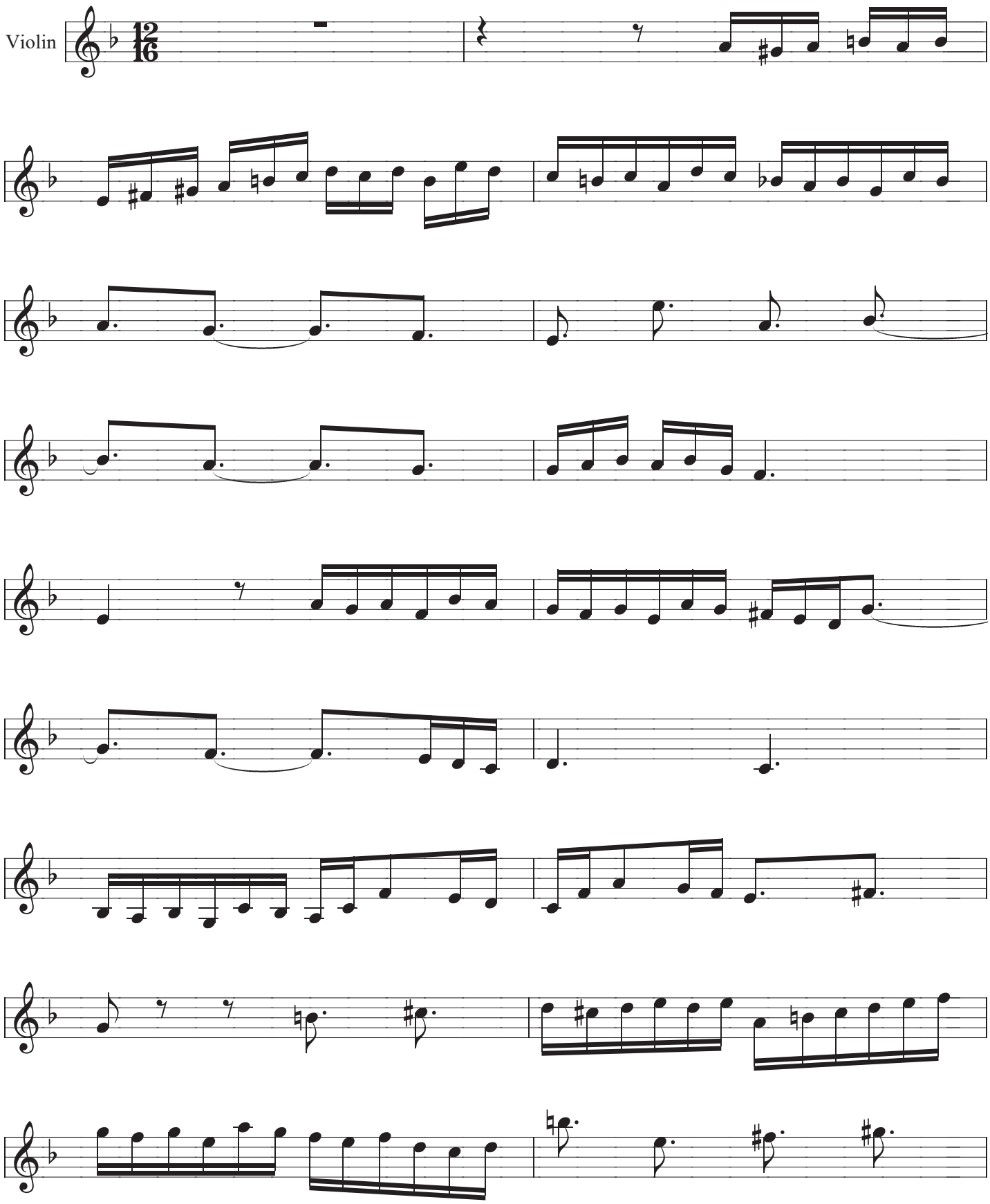
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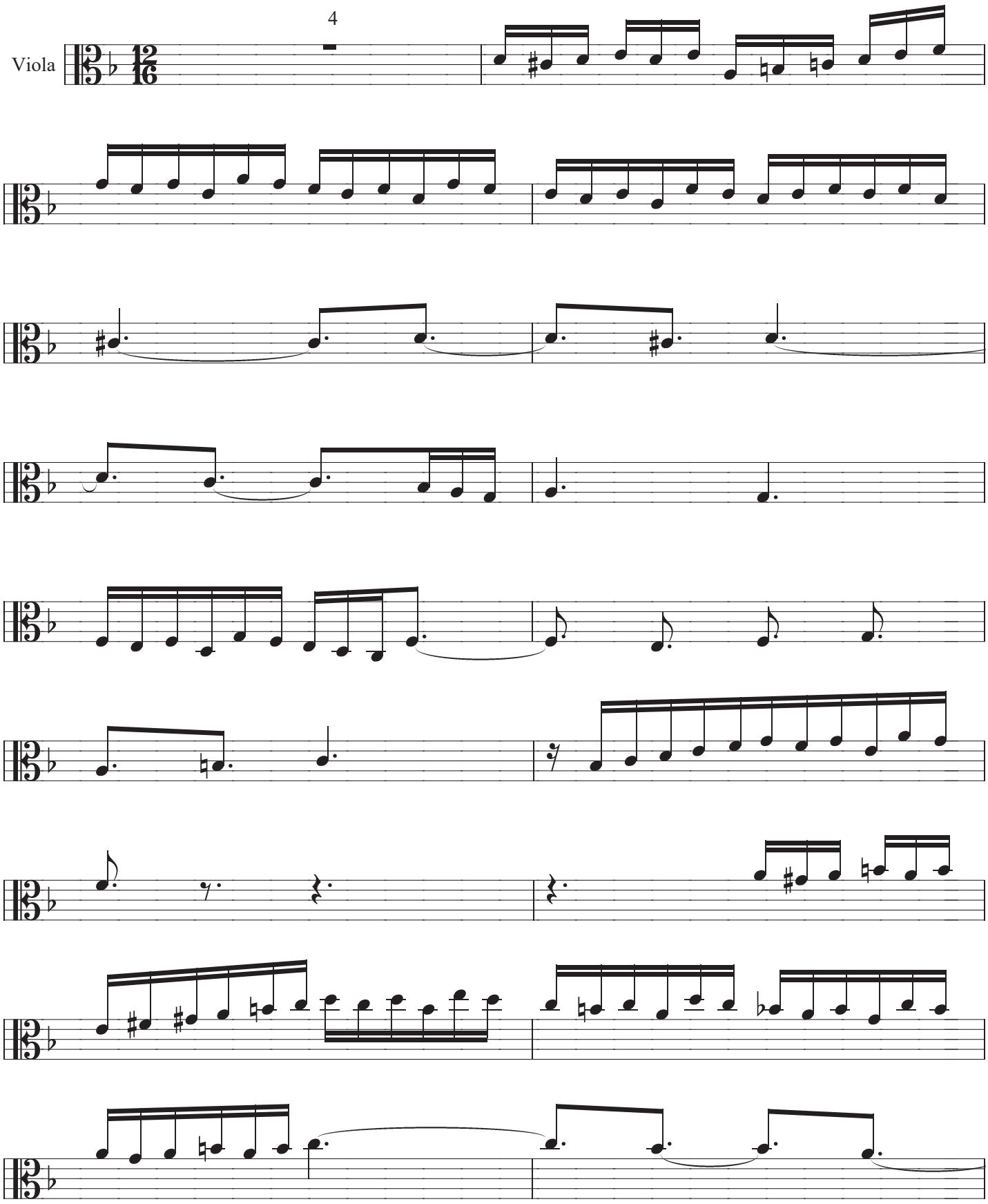
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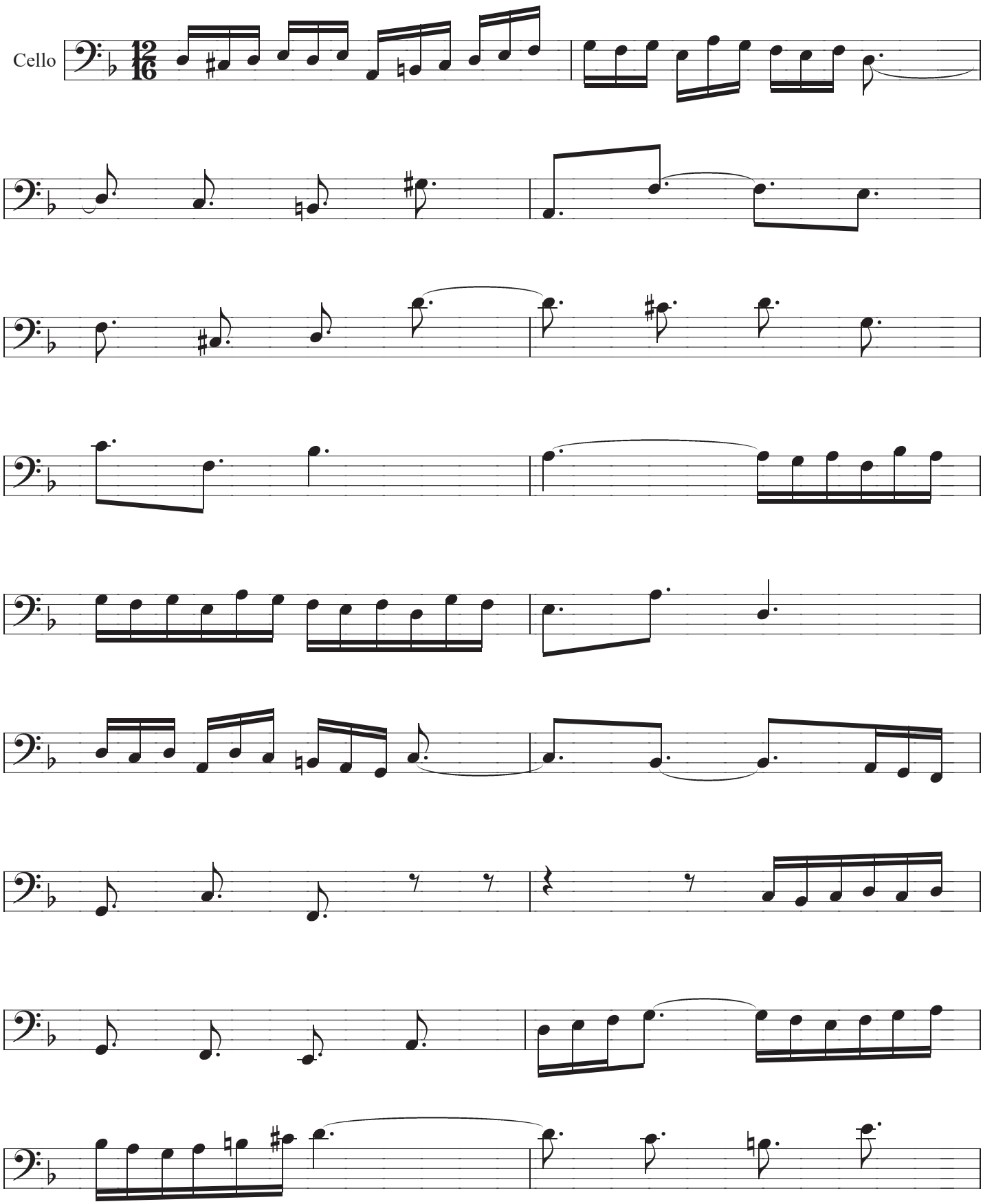
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Prelude & Fugue no. 5

BWV 874

for

Concert Flute, Oboe, Viola & Bassoon

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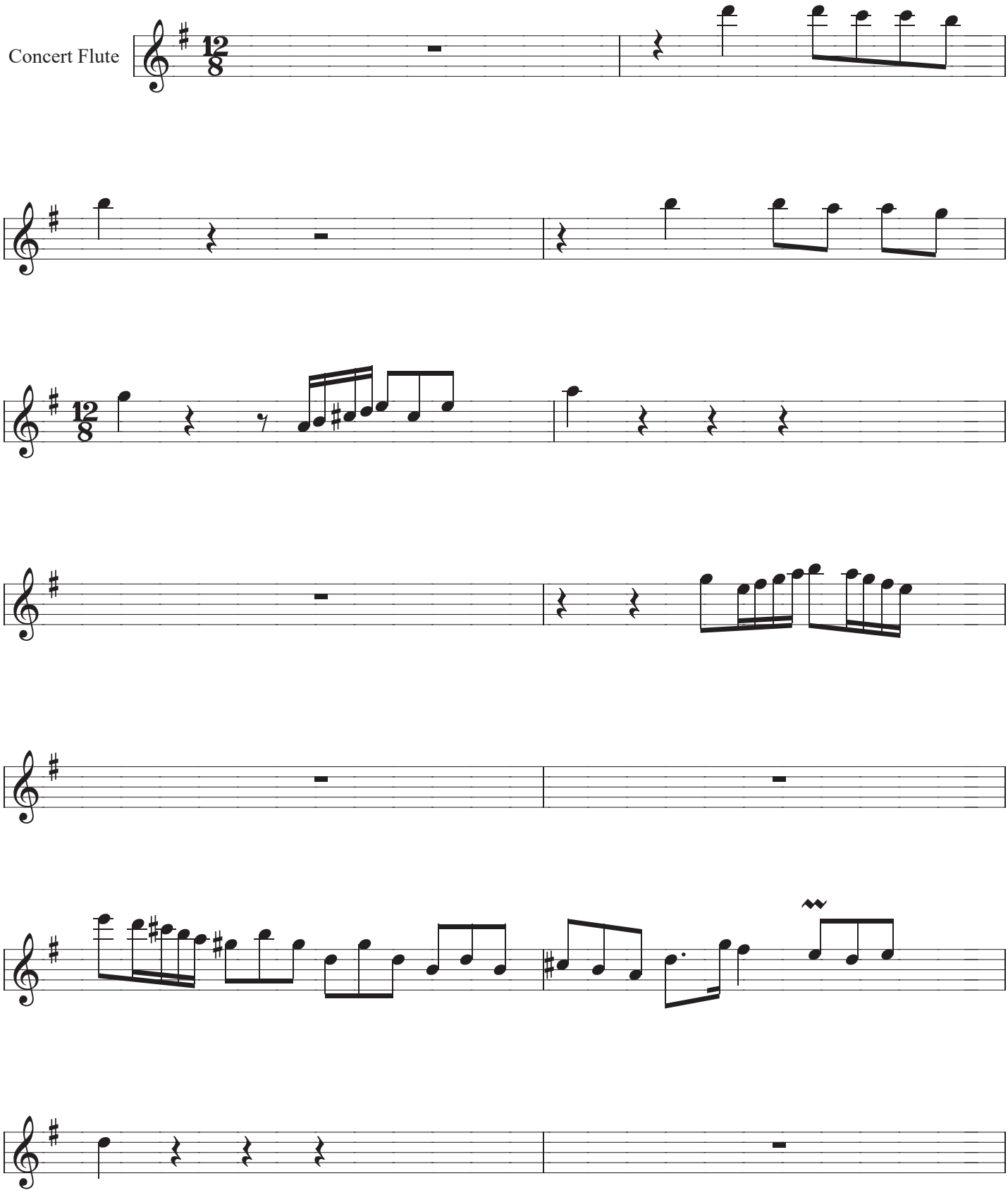
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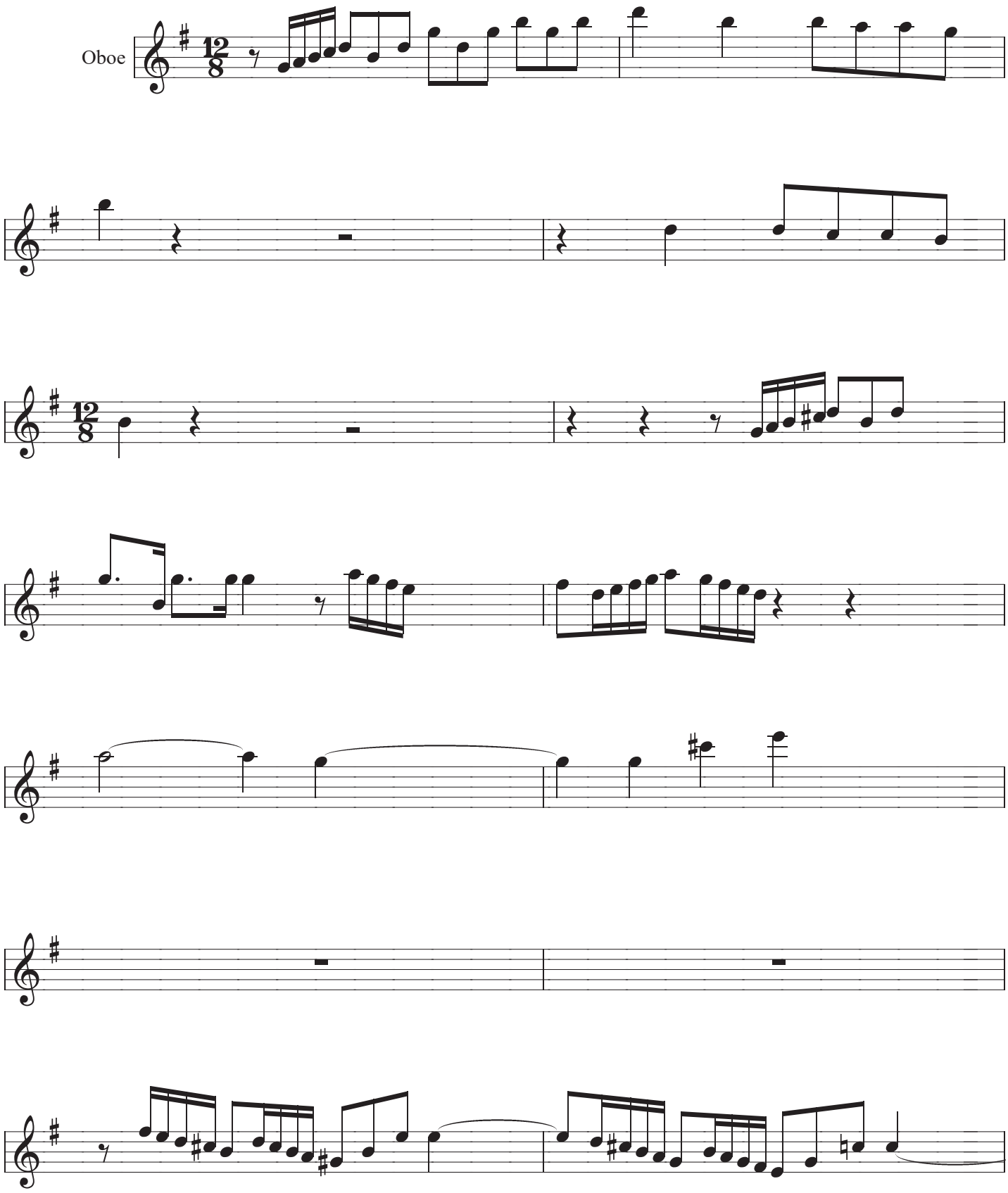
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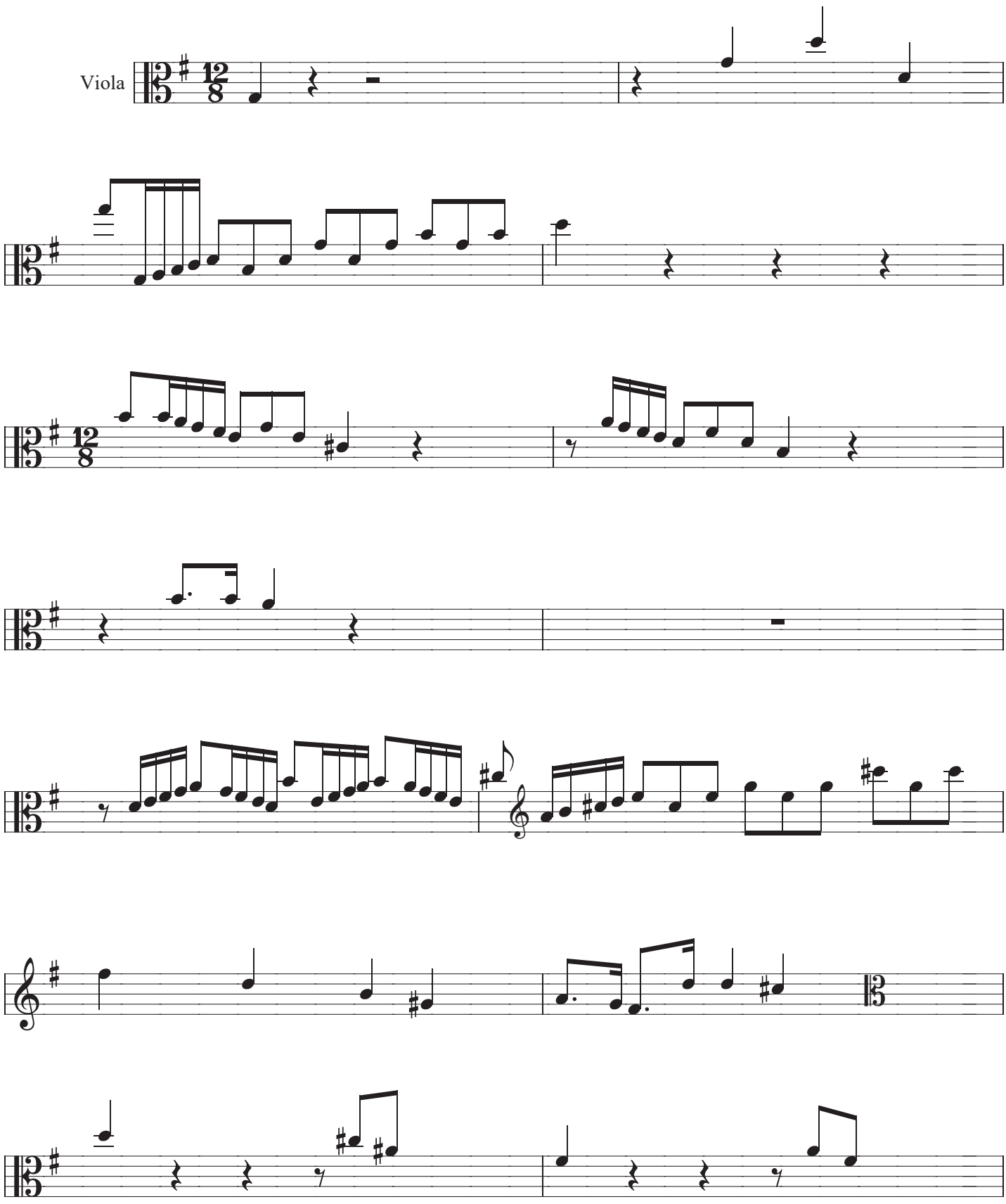
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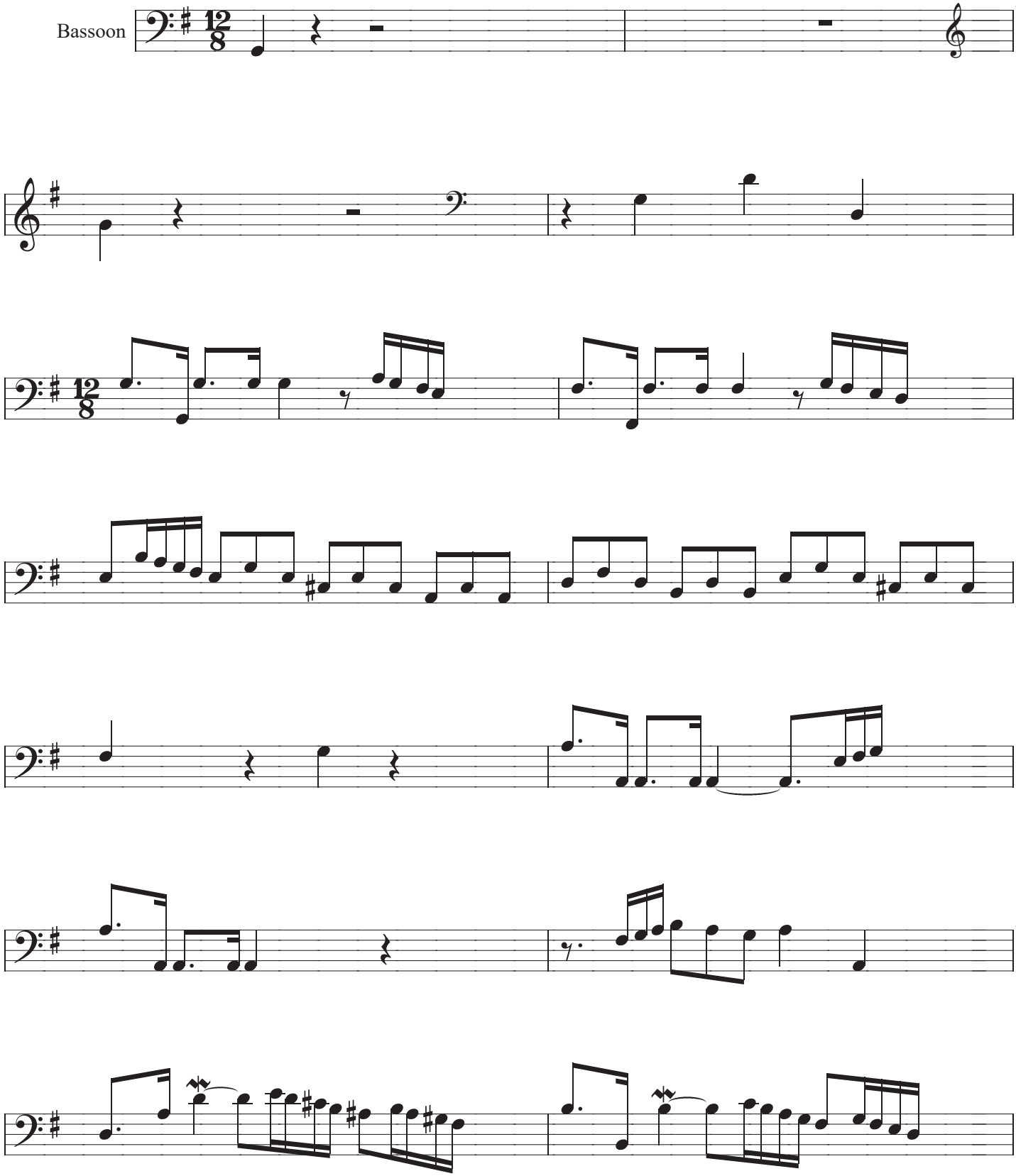
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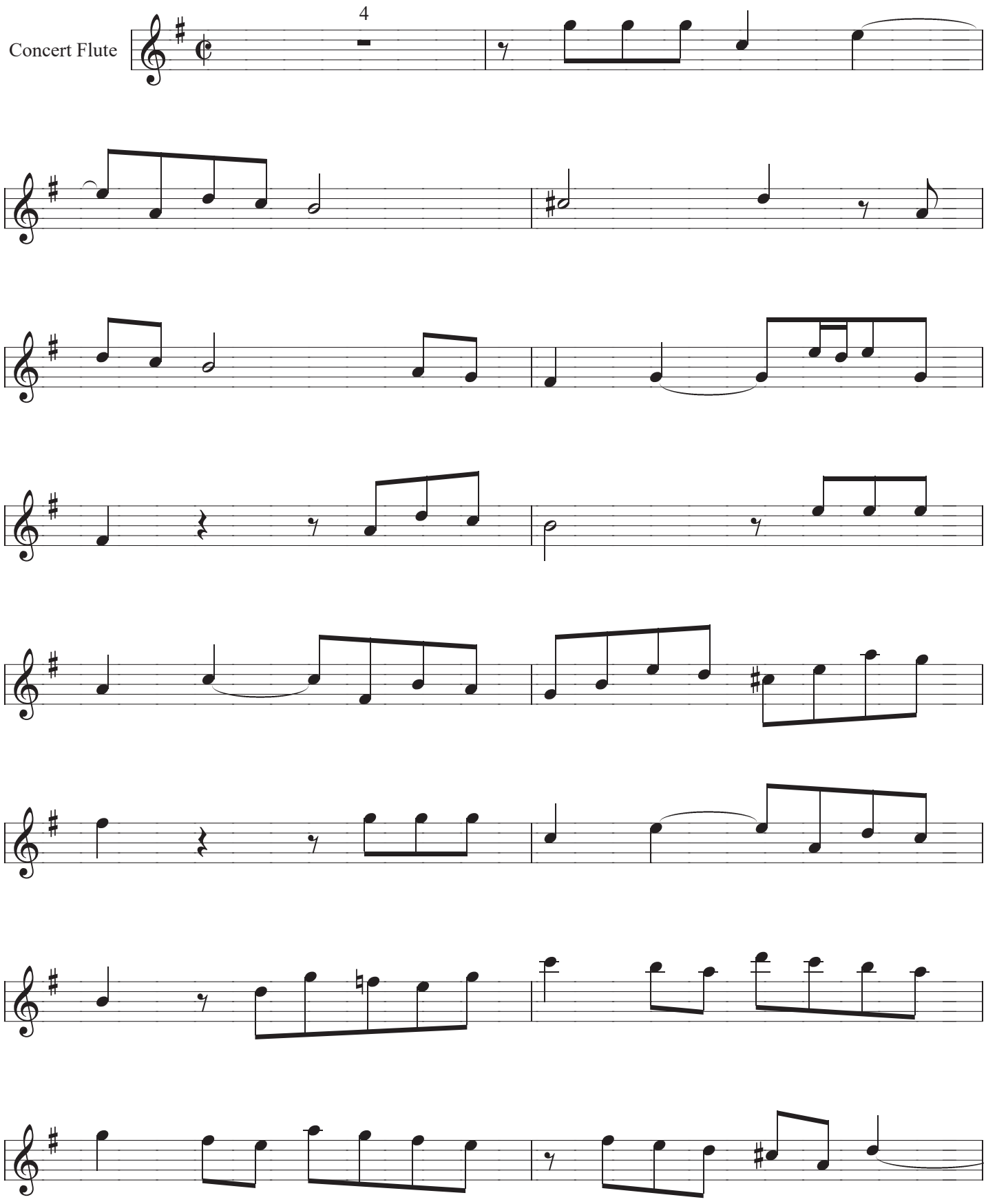
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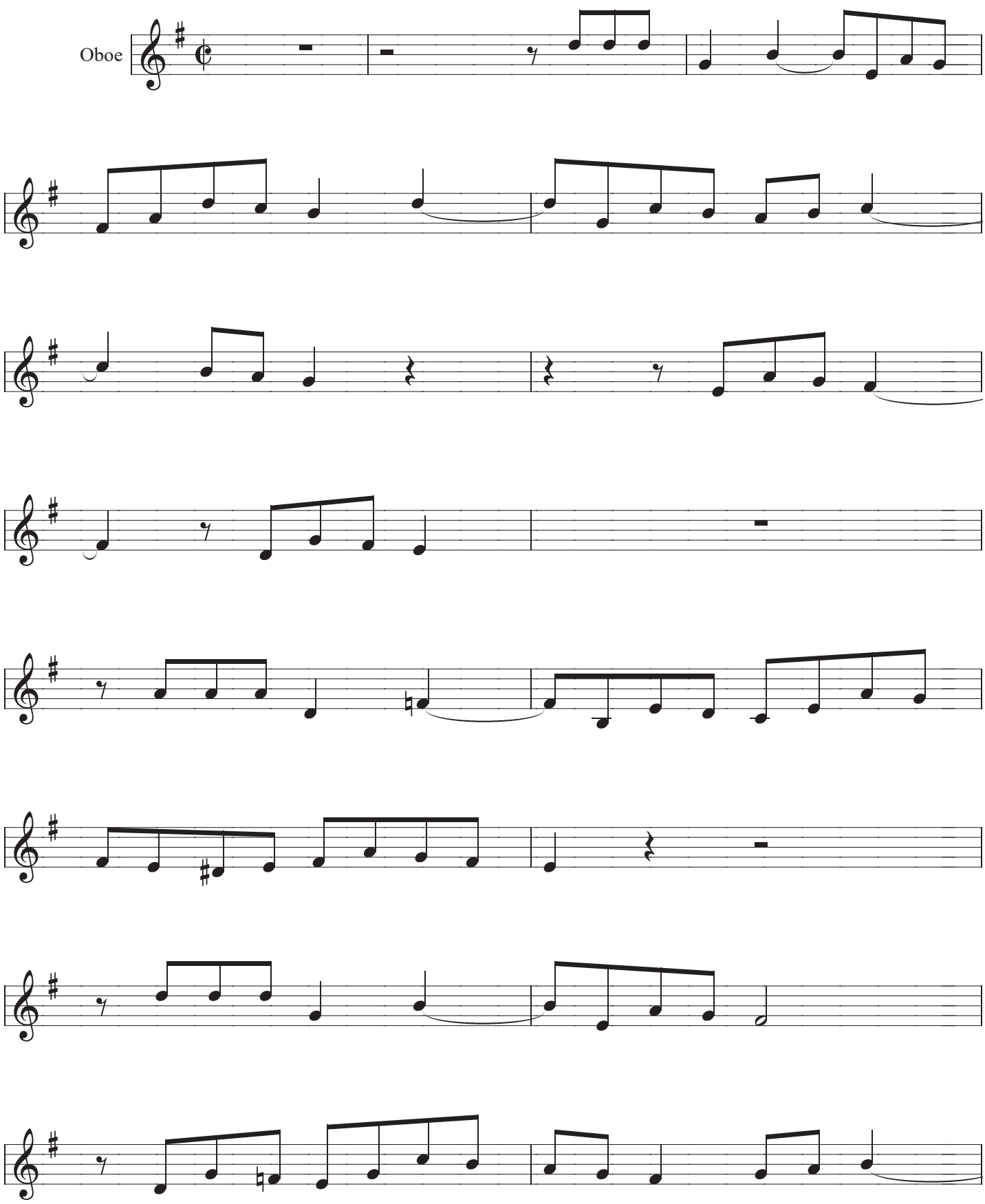
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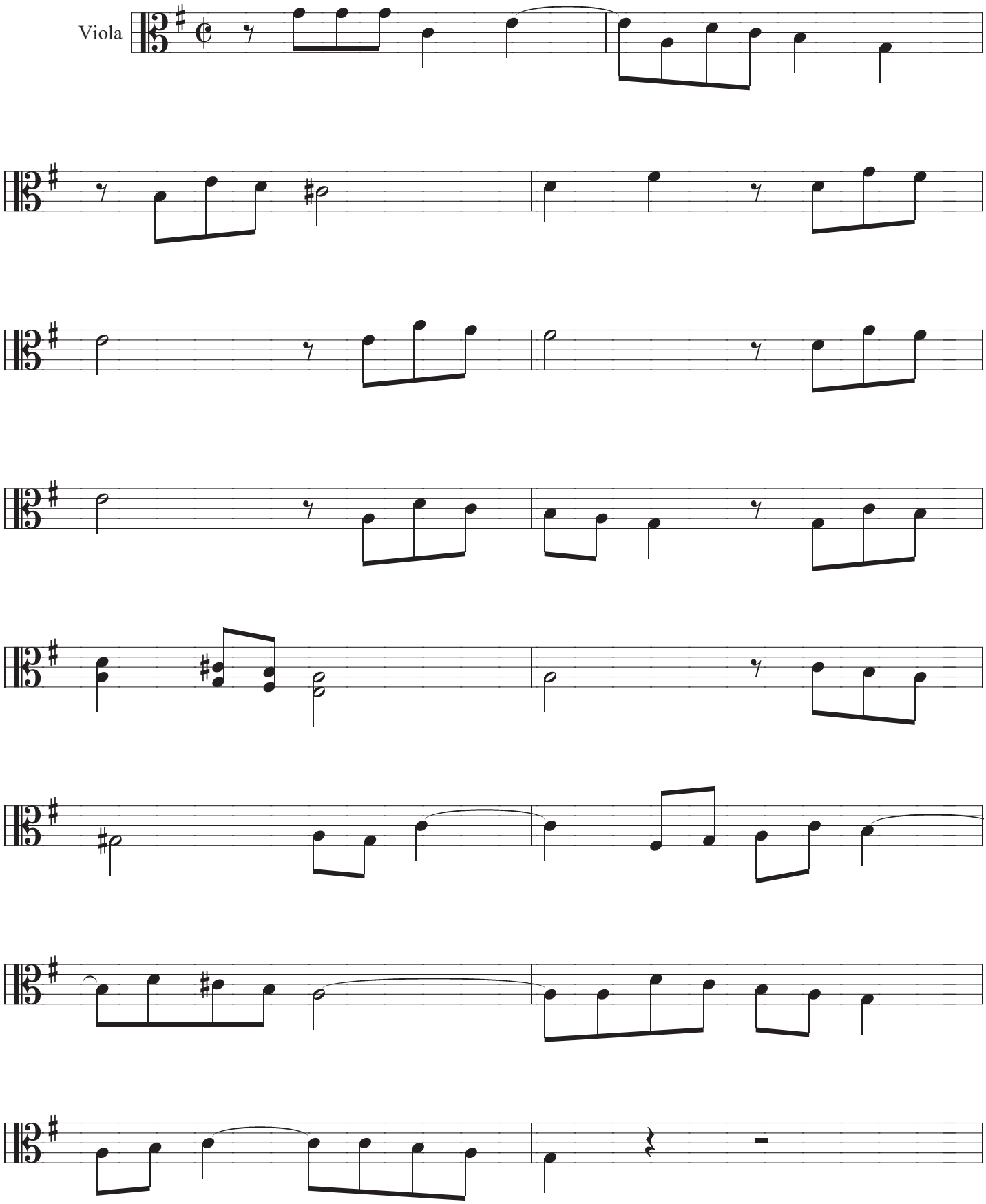
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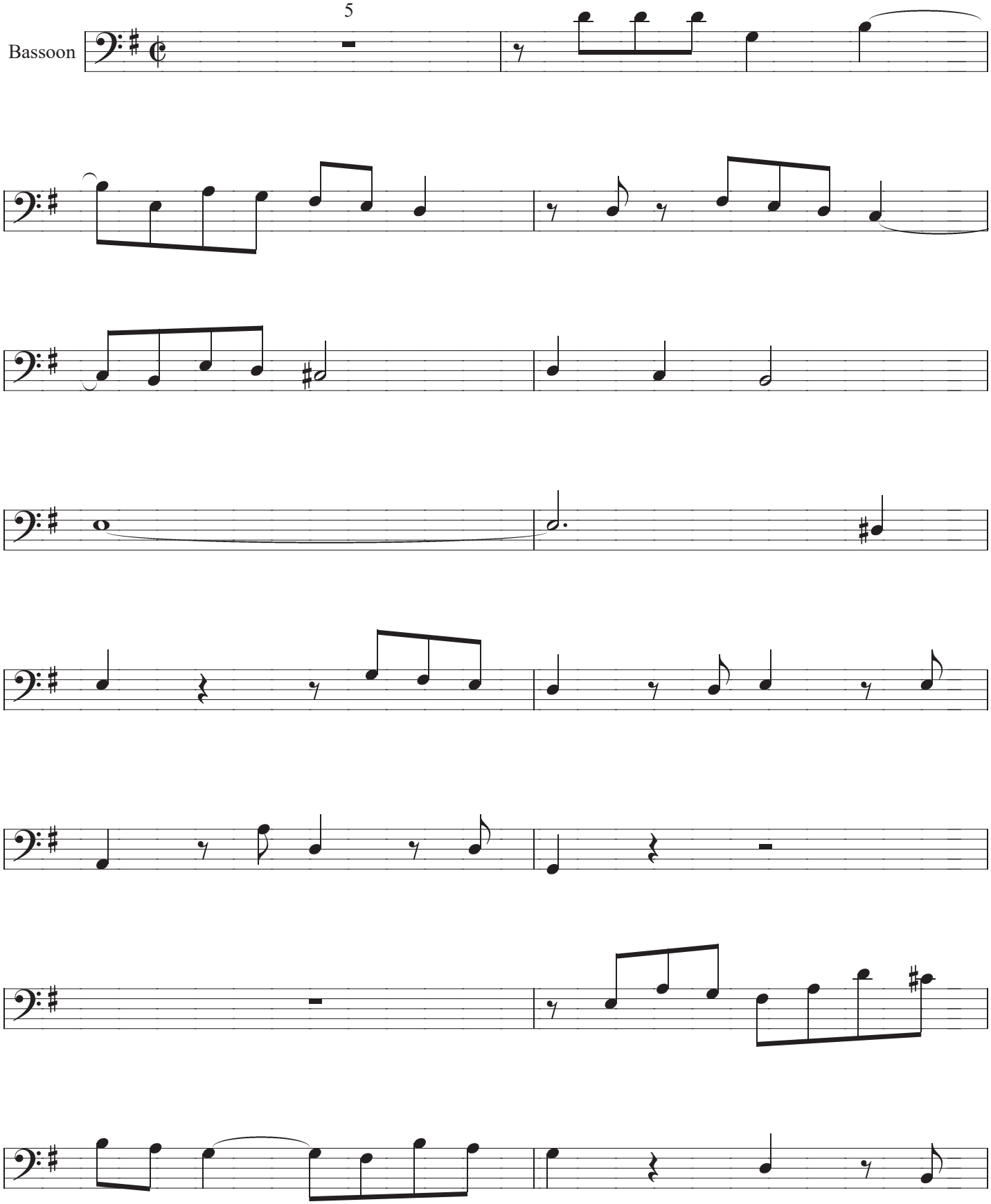
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Colors of the Well-Tempered Clavier II

Prelude & Fugue no. 6

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for

Violin & Harpsichord (2 manuals)

or Organ

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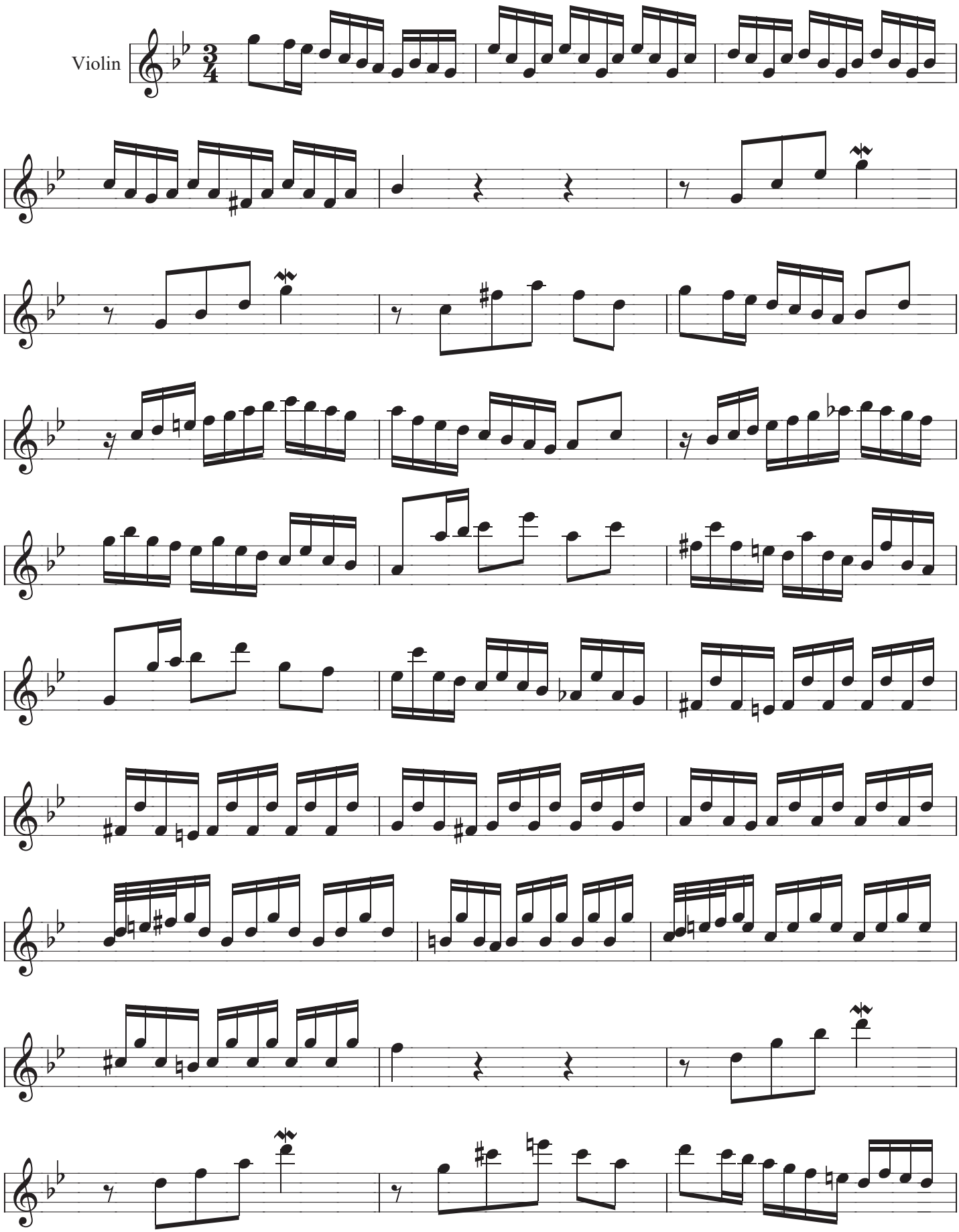
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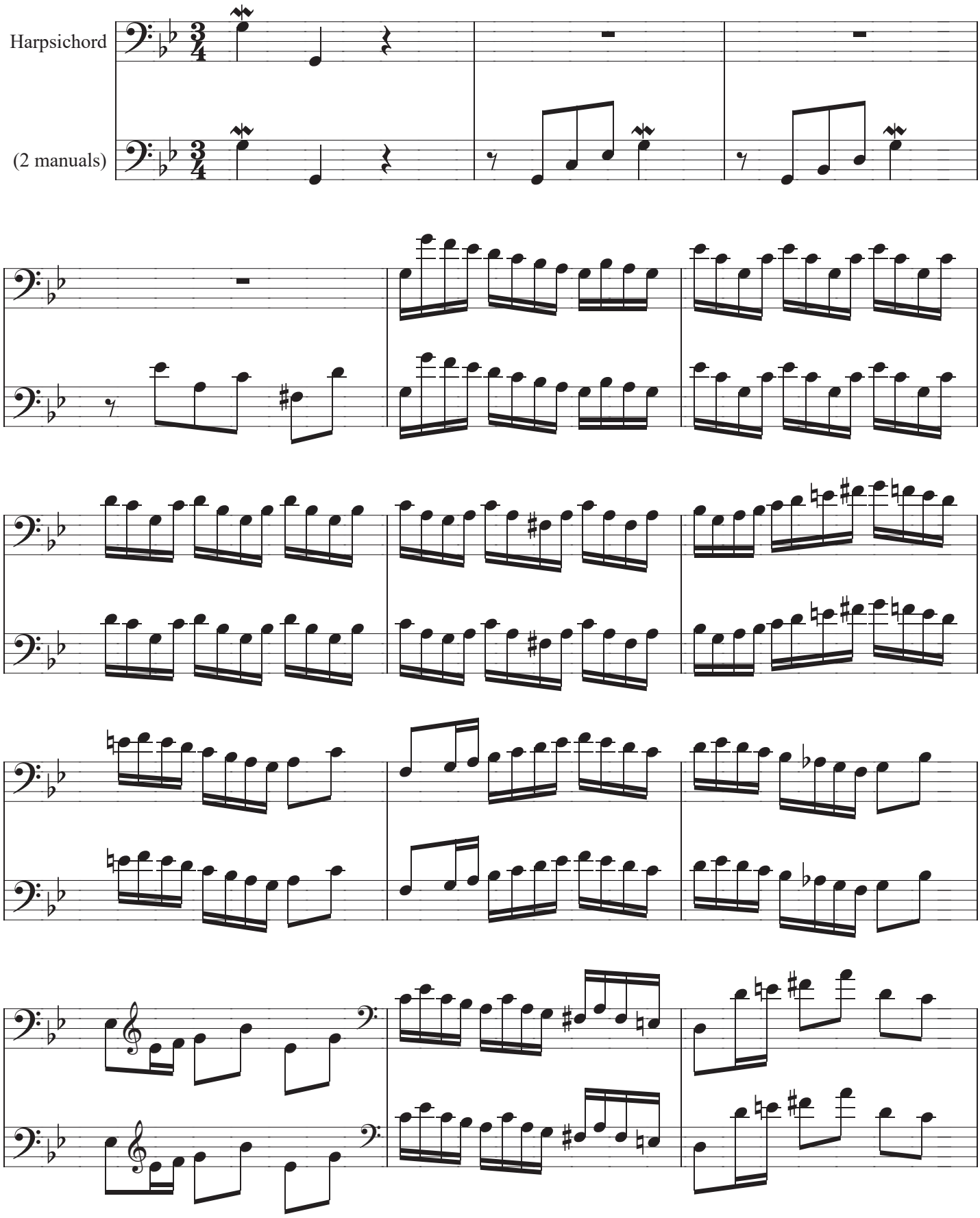
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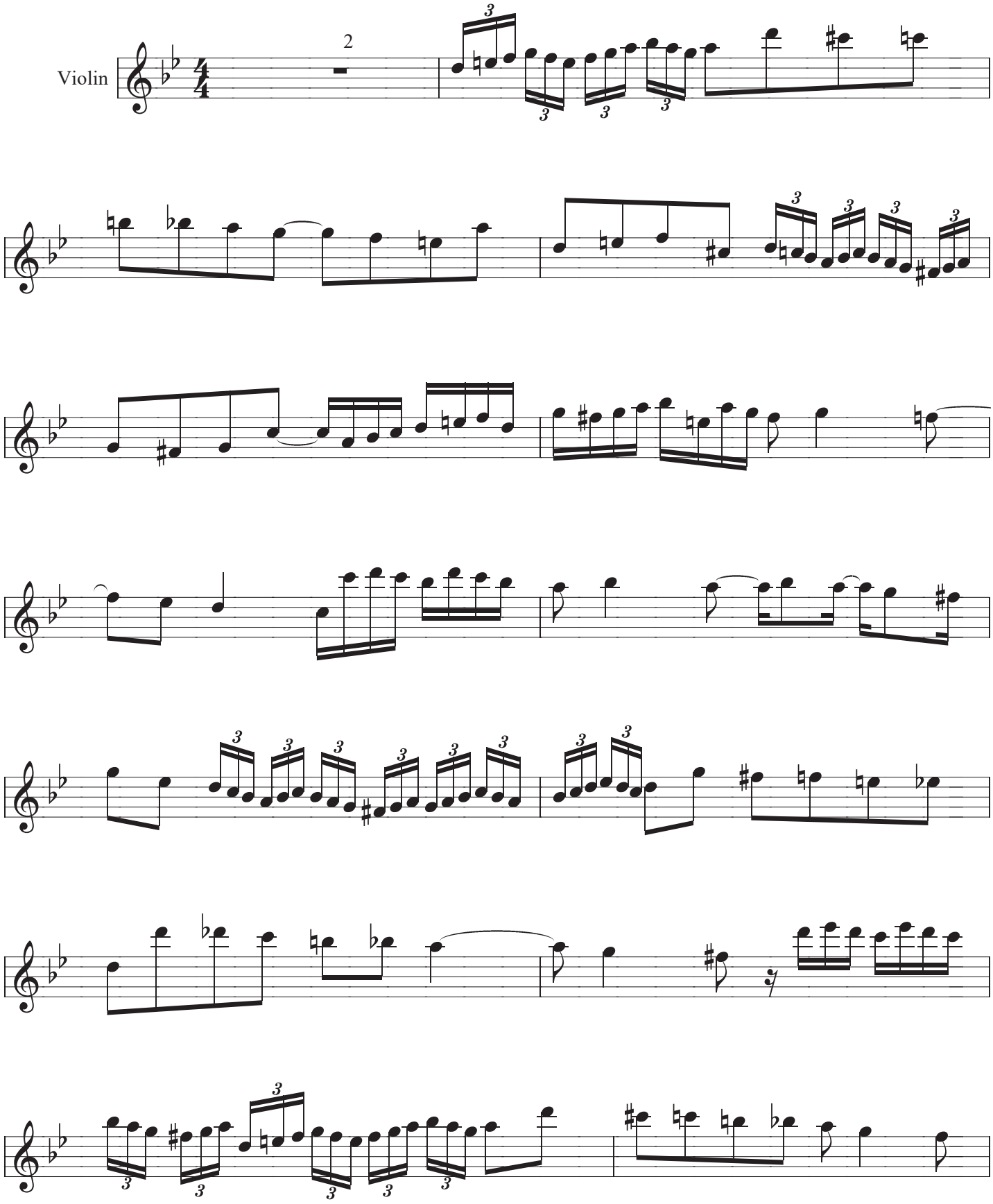
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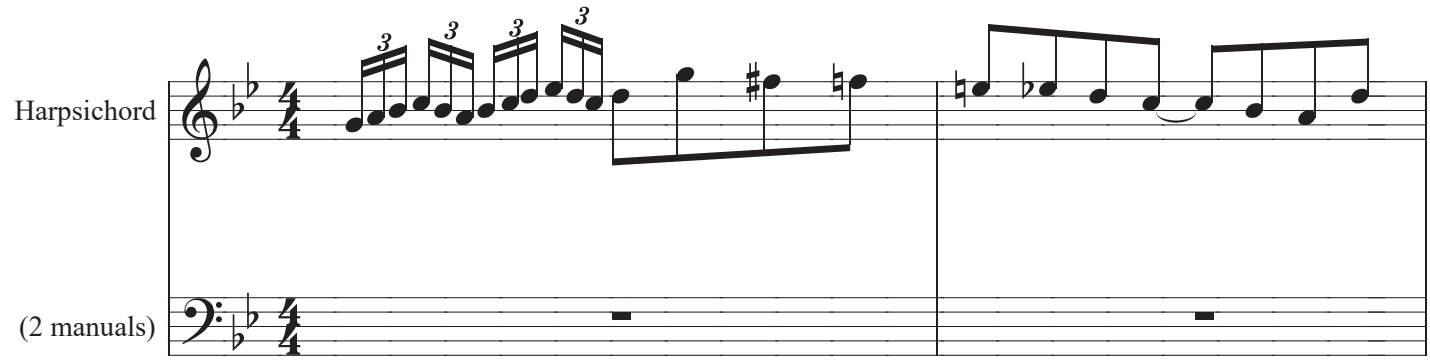

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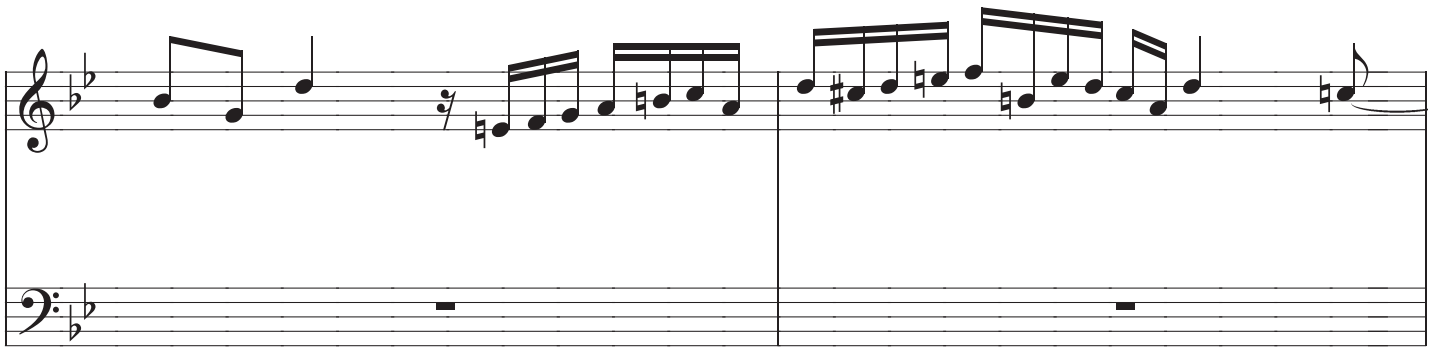

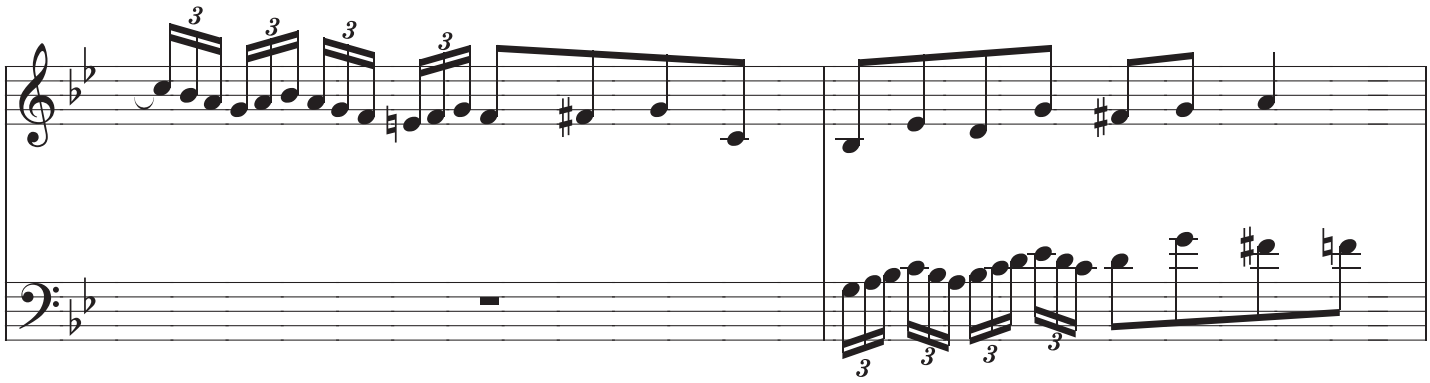

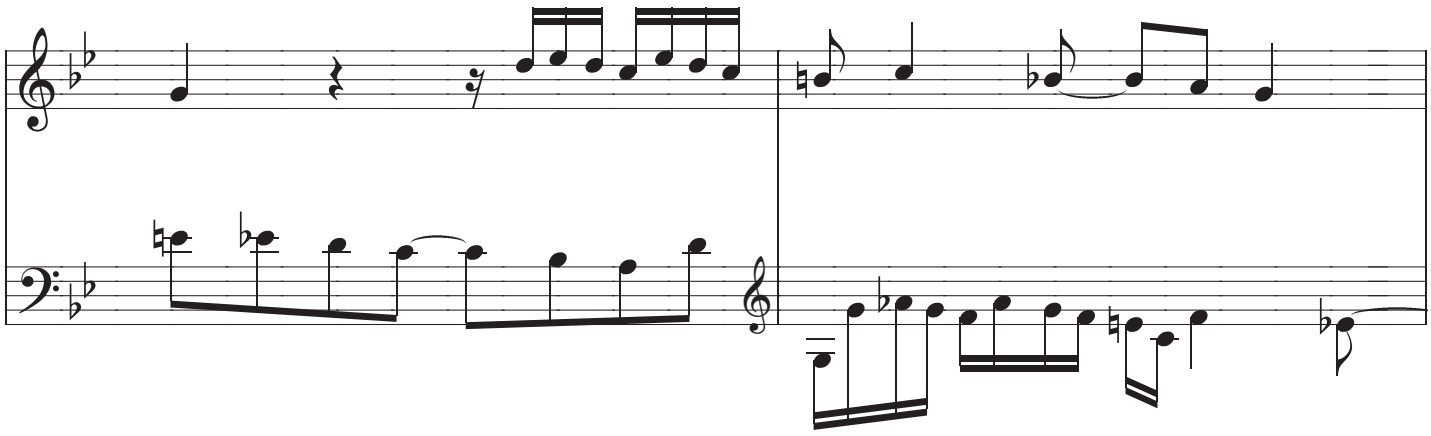

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Colors of the Well-Tempered Clavier II

Prelude & Fugue no. 7

BWV 876

for

Concert Flute, Clarinet in Bb

& Harpsichord or Organ (2 manuals).

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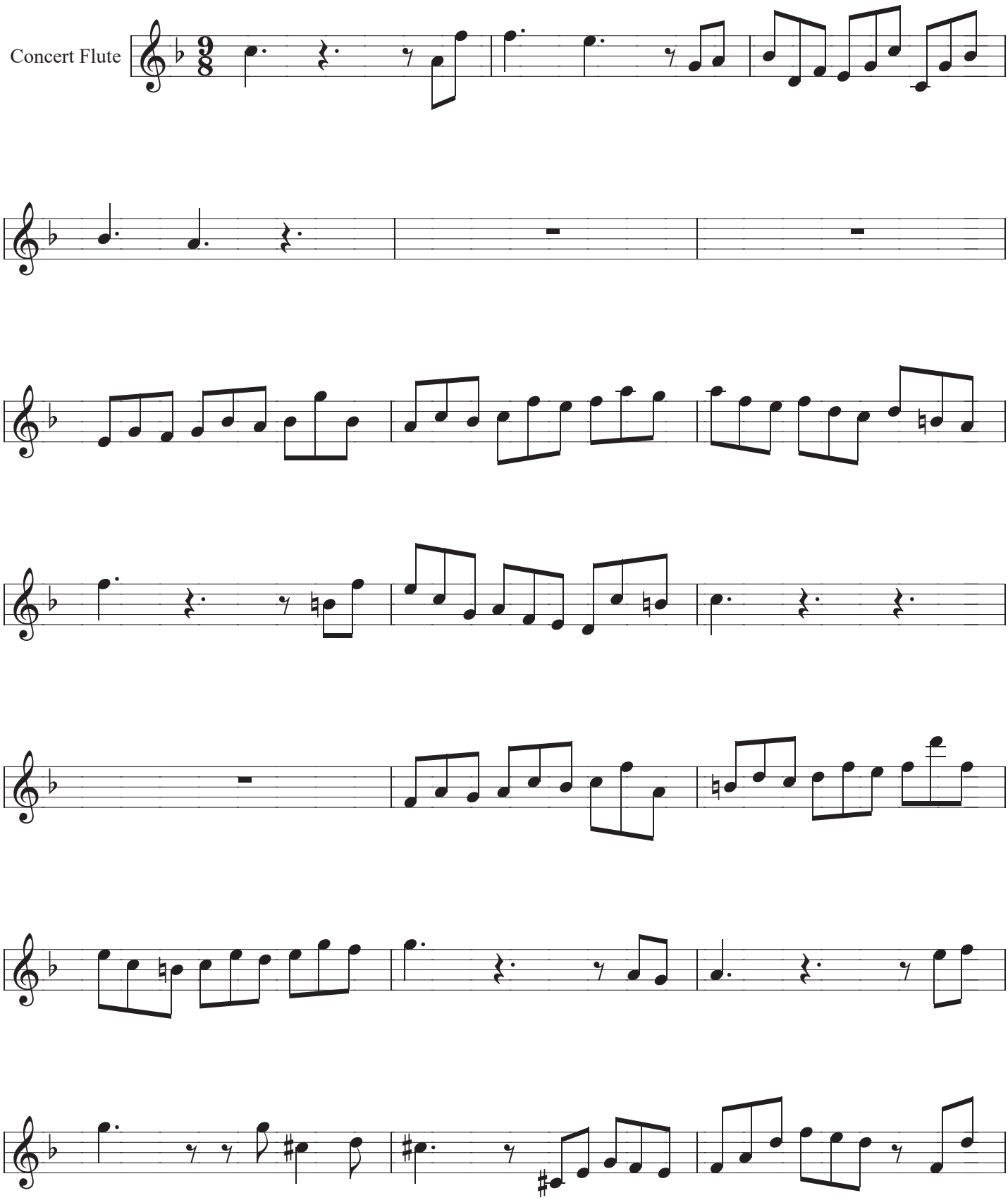
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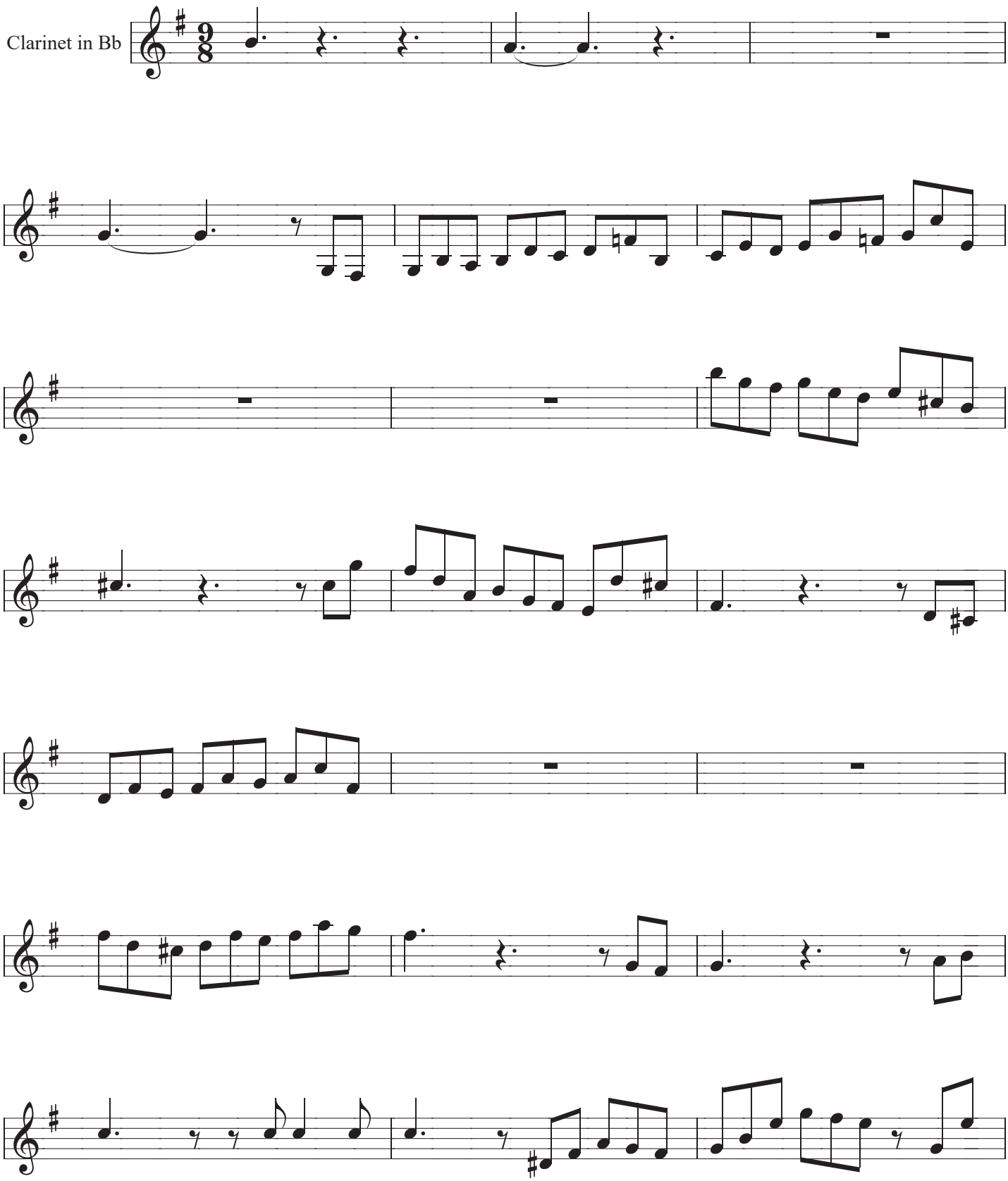
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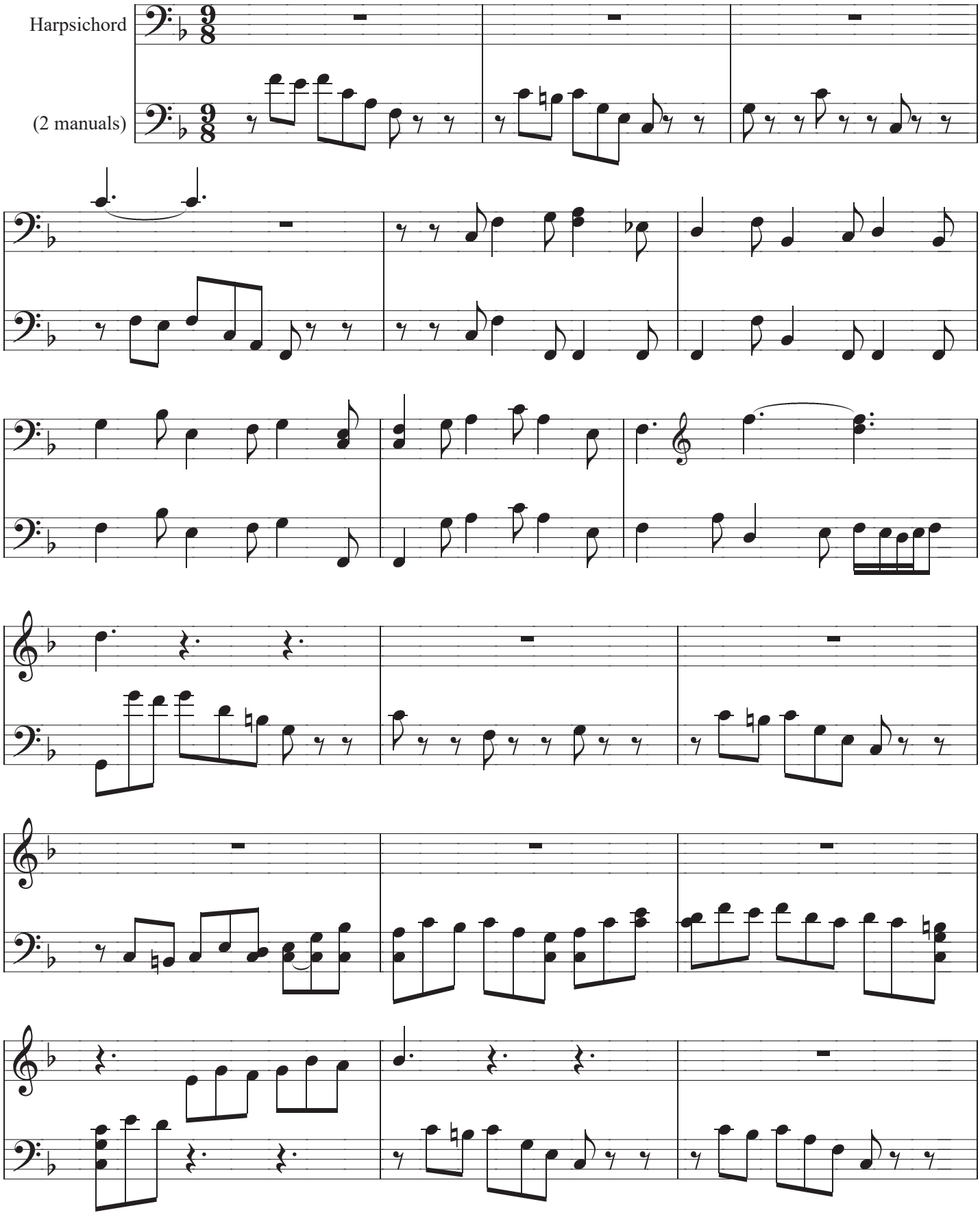
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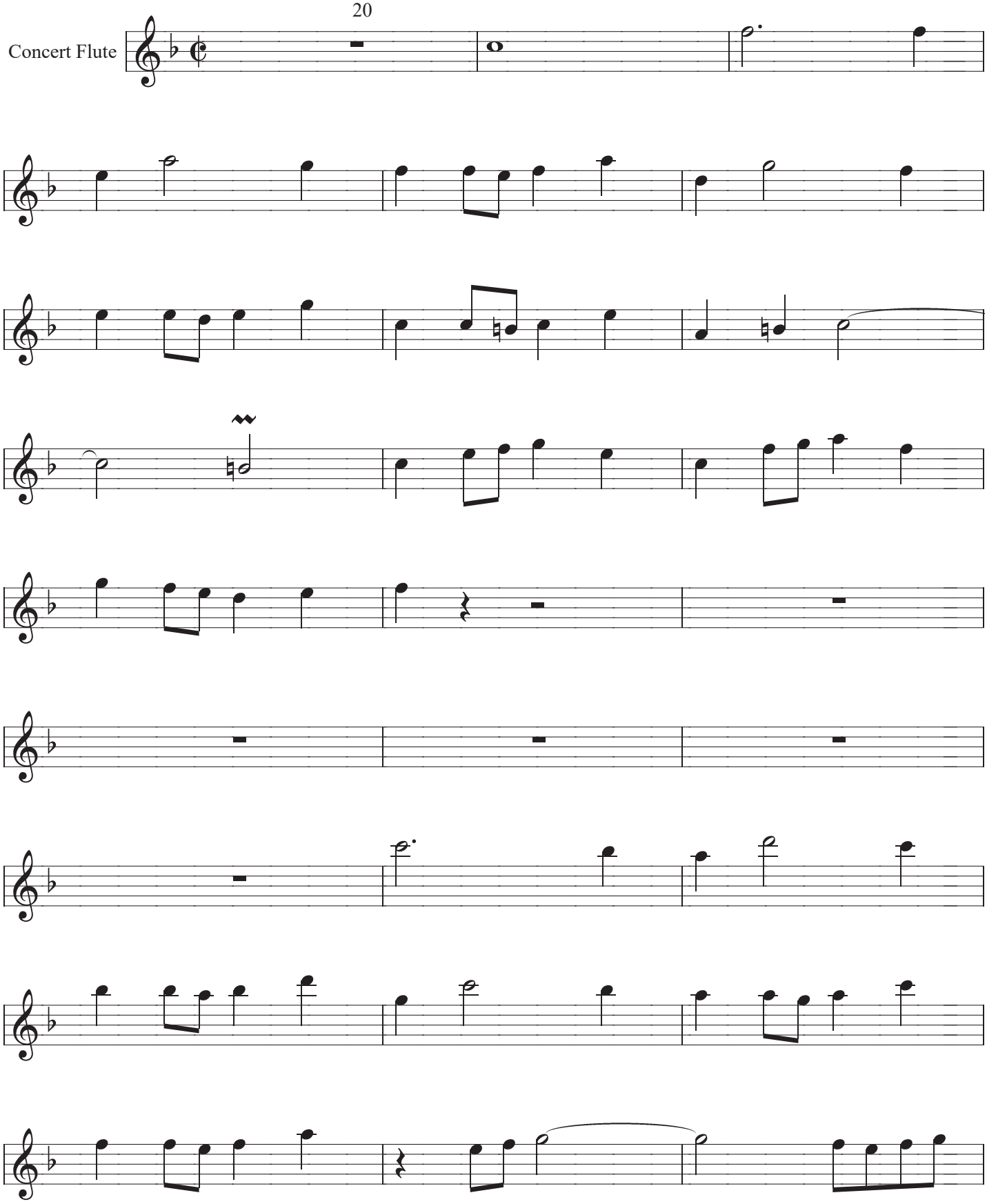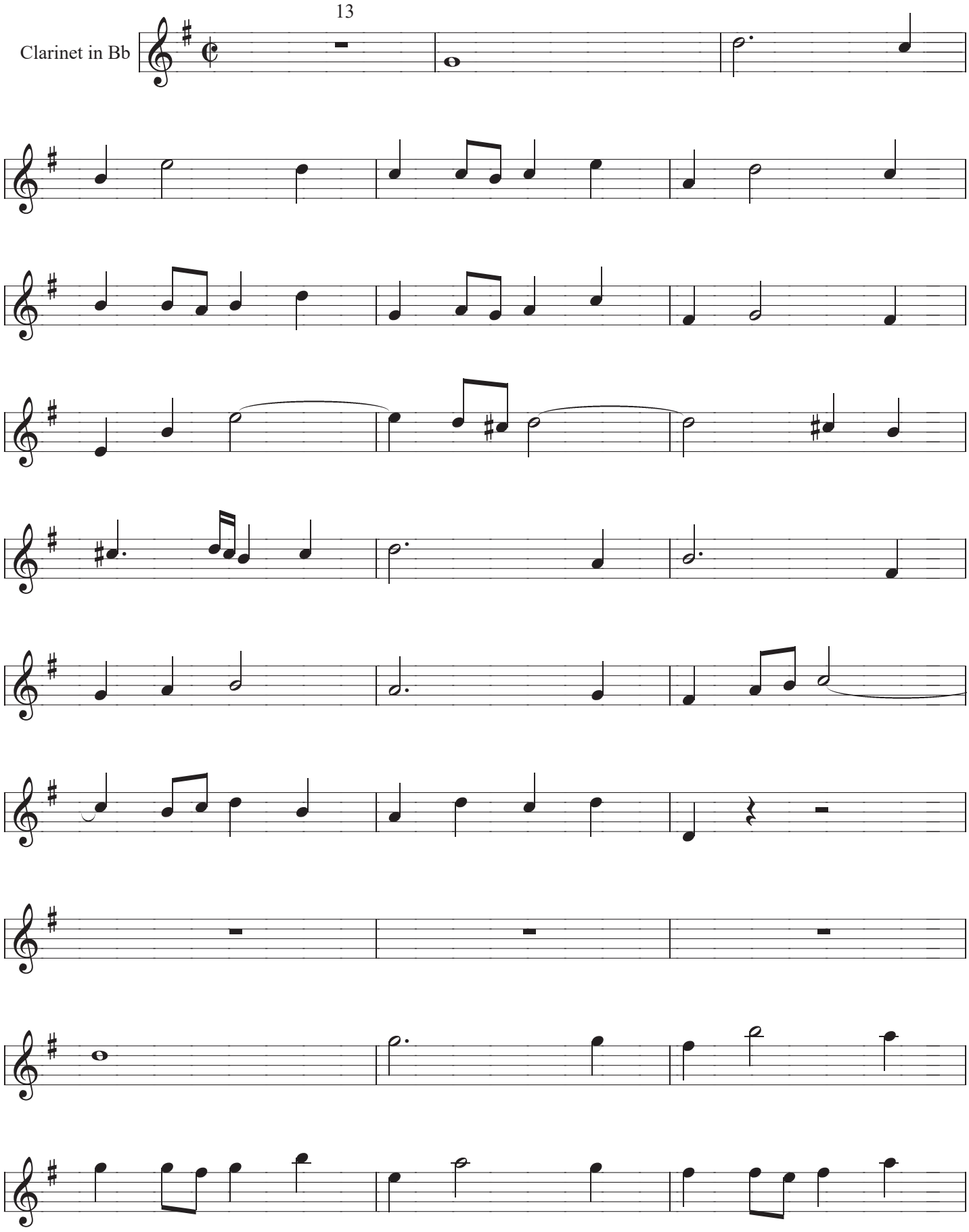
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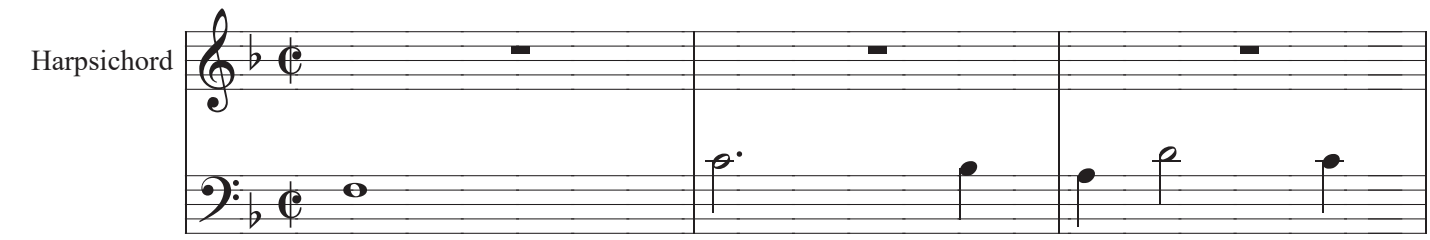

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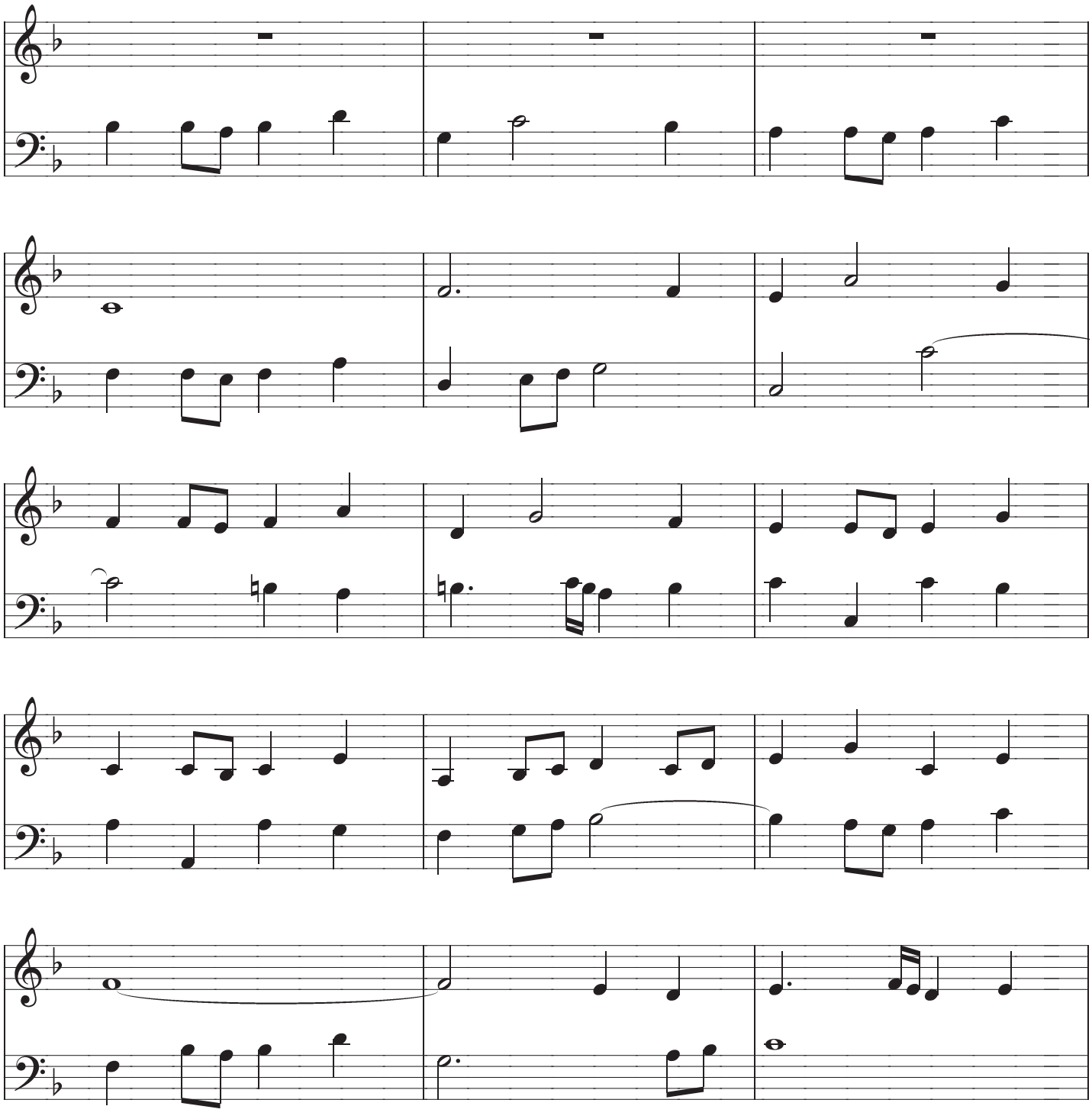
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Colors of the Well-Tempered Clavier II

Prelude & Fugue no. 8

BWV 877

for

Oboe, Clarinet in Bb, Cello & Bassoon

Revision : Jan Leontsky

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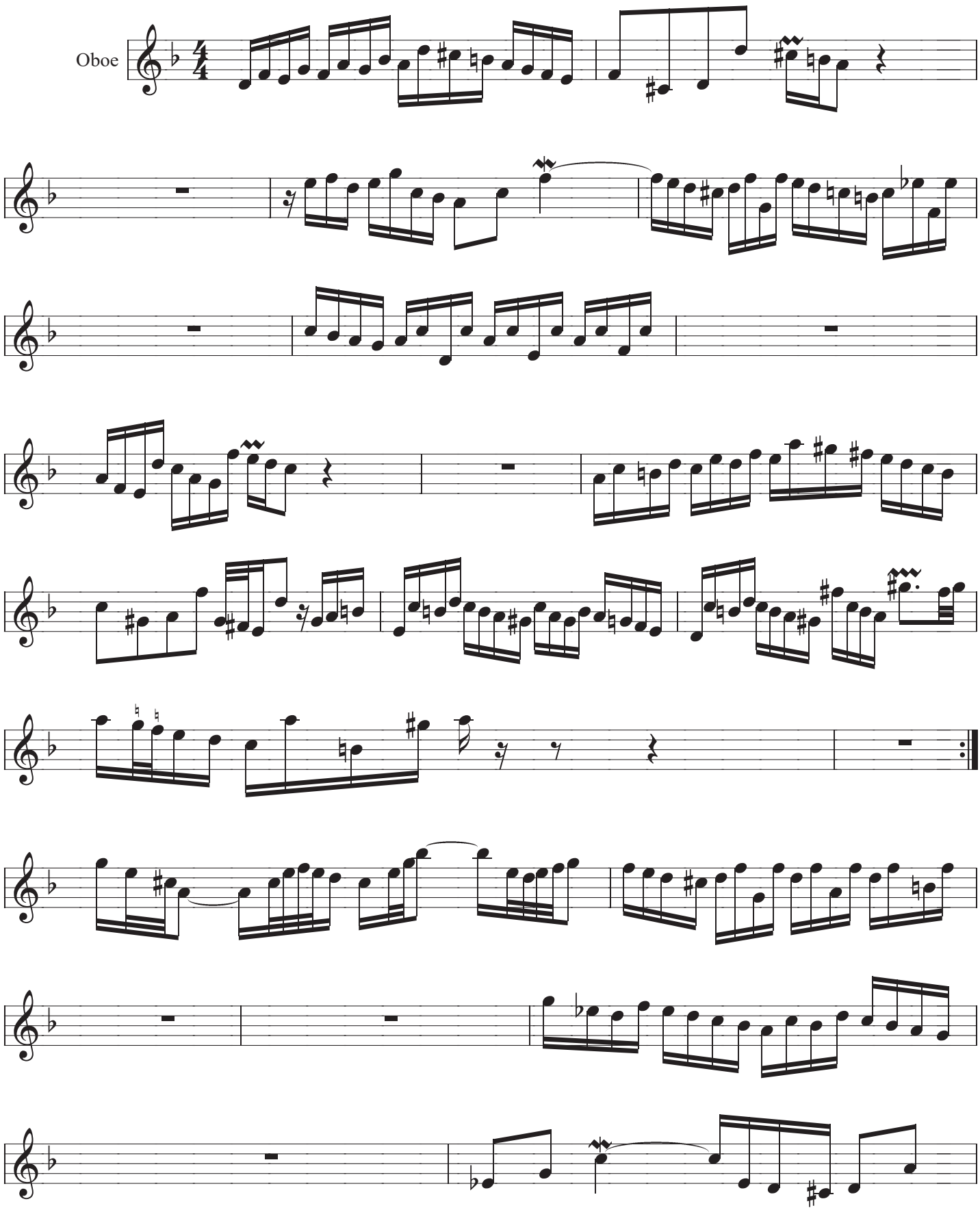
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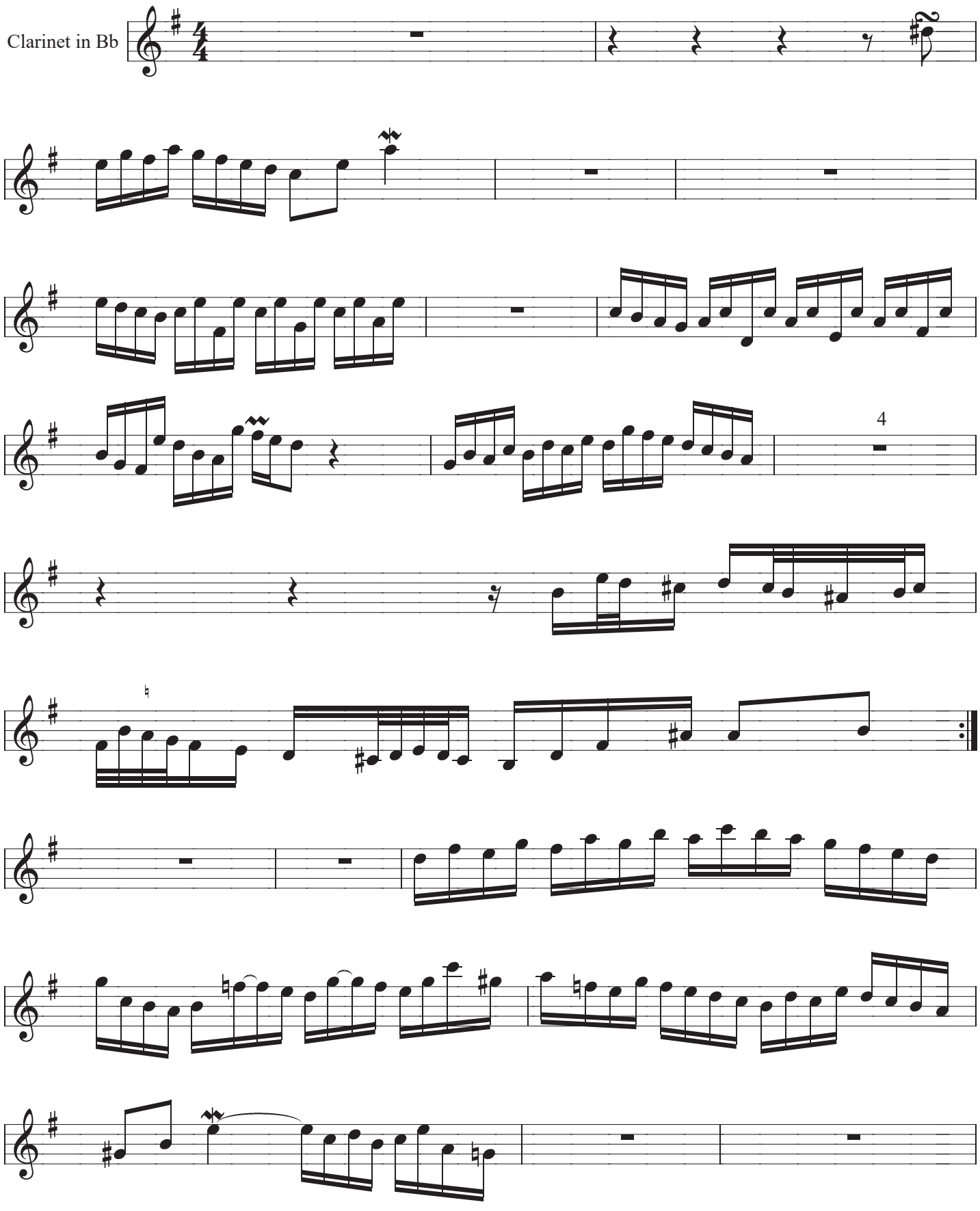
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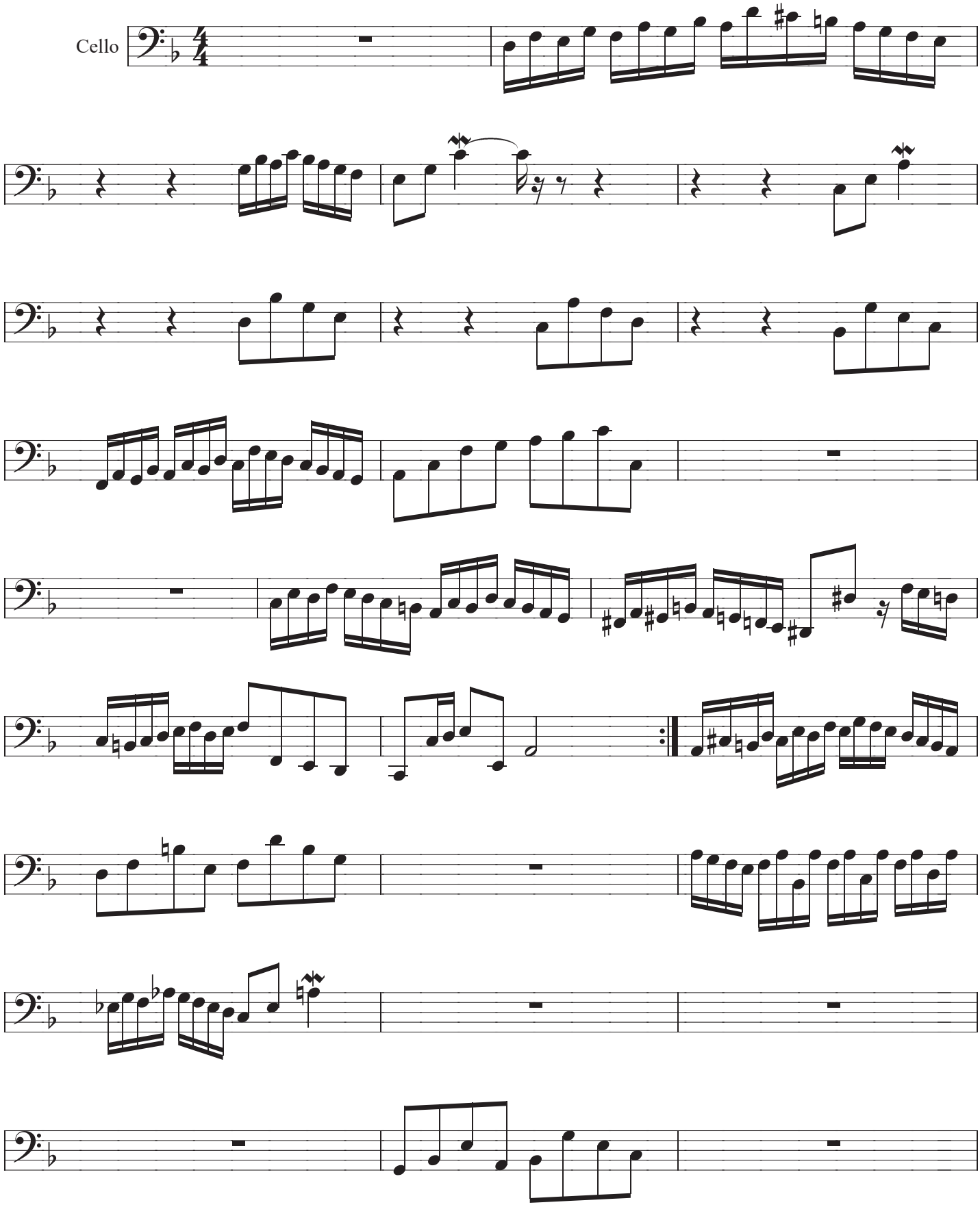
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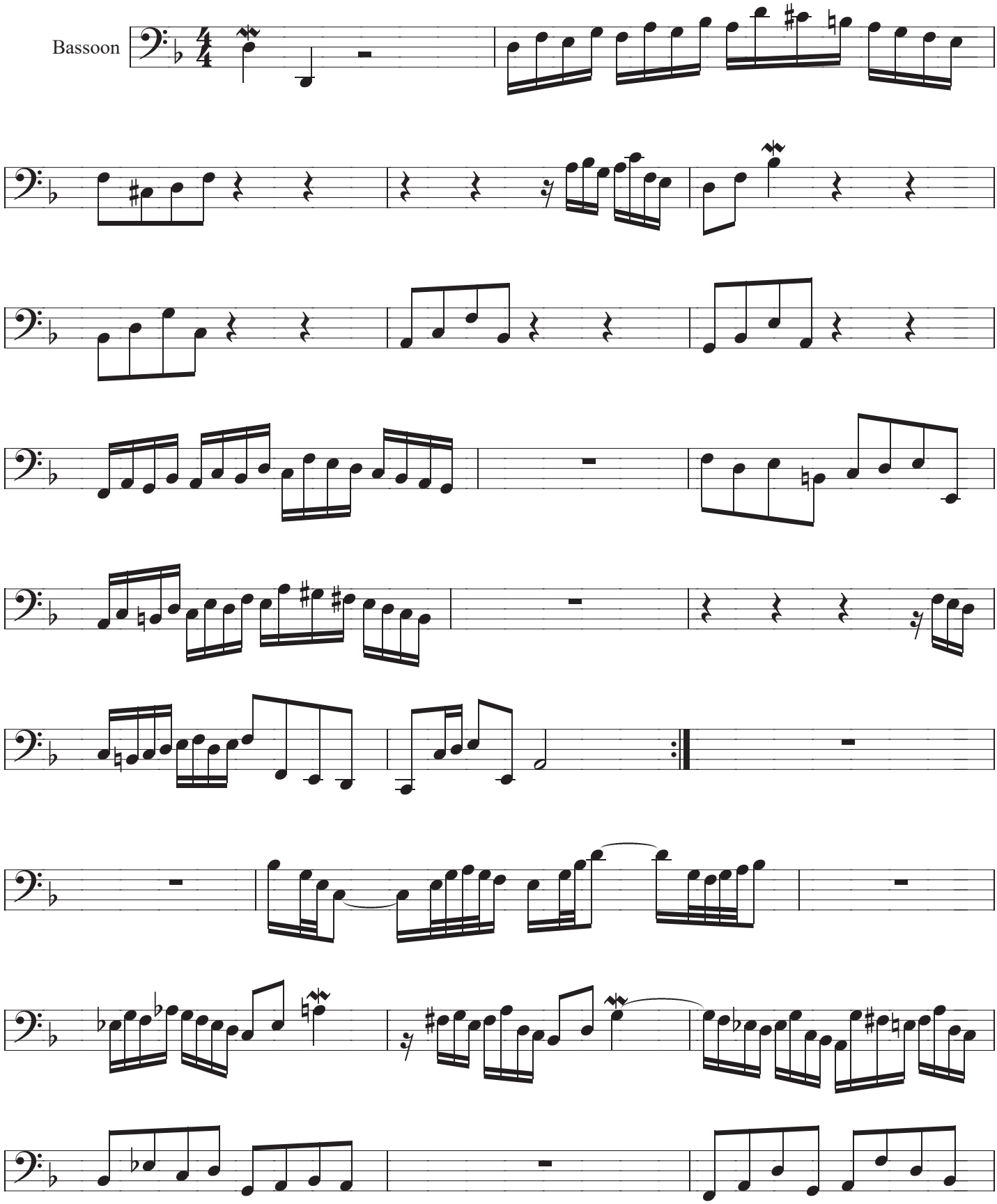
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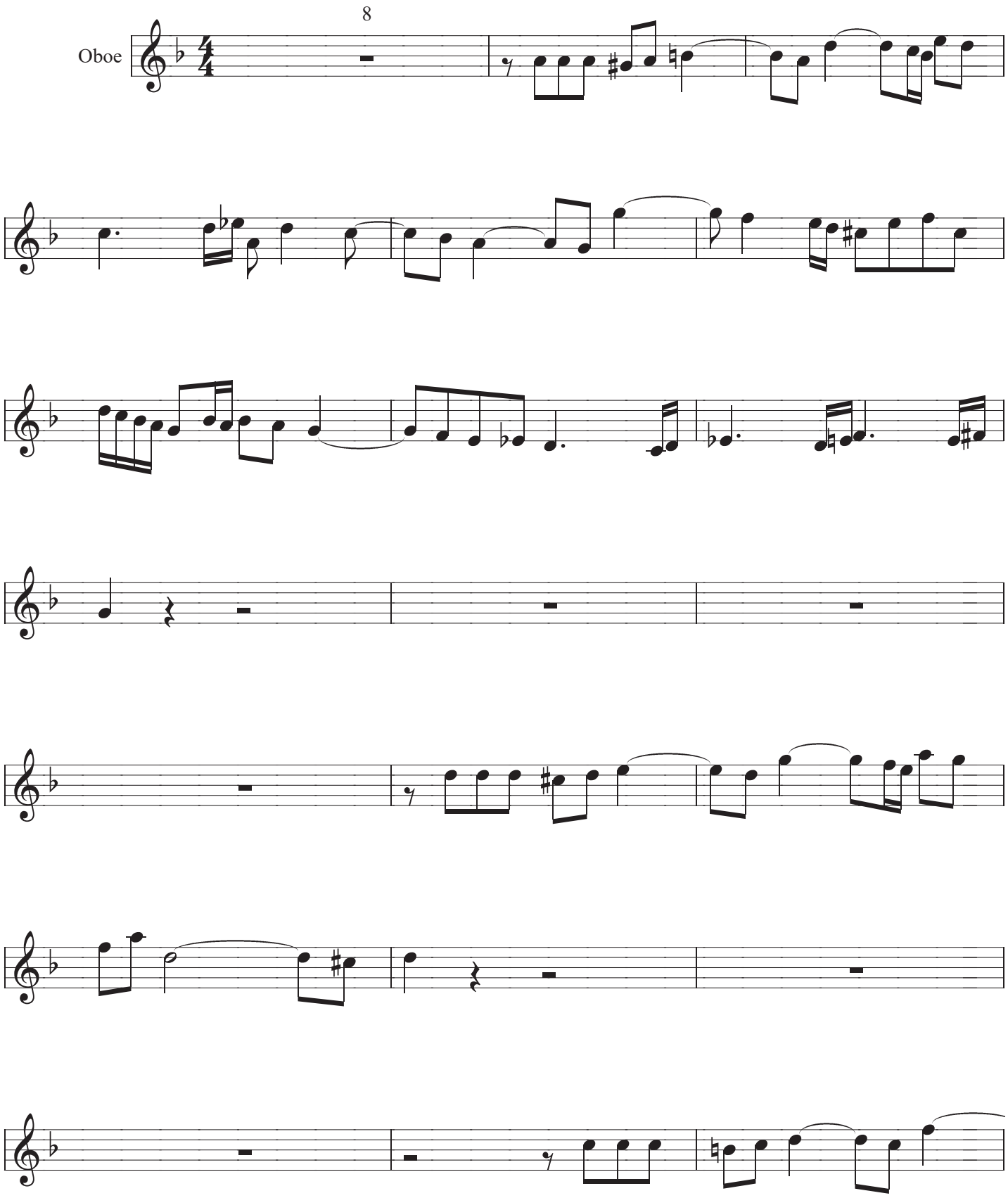
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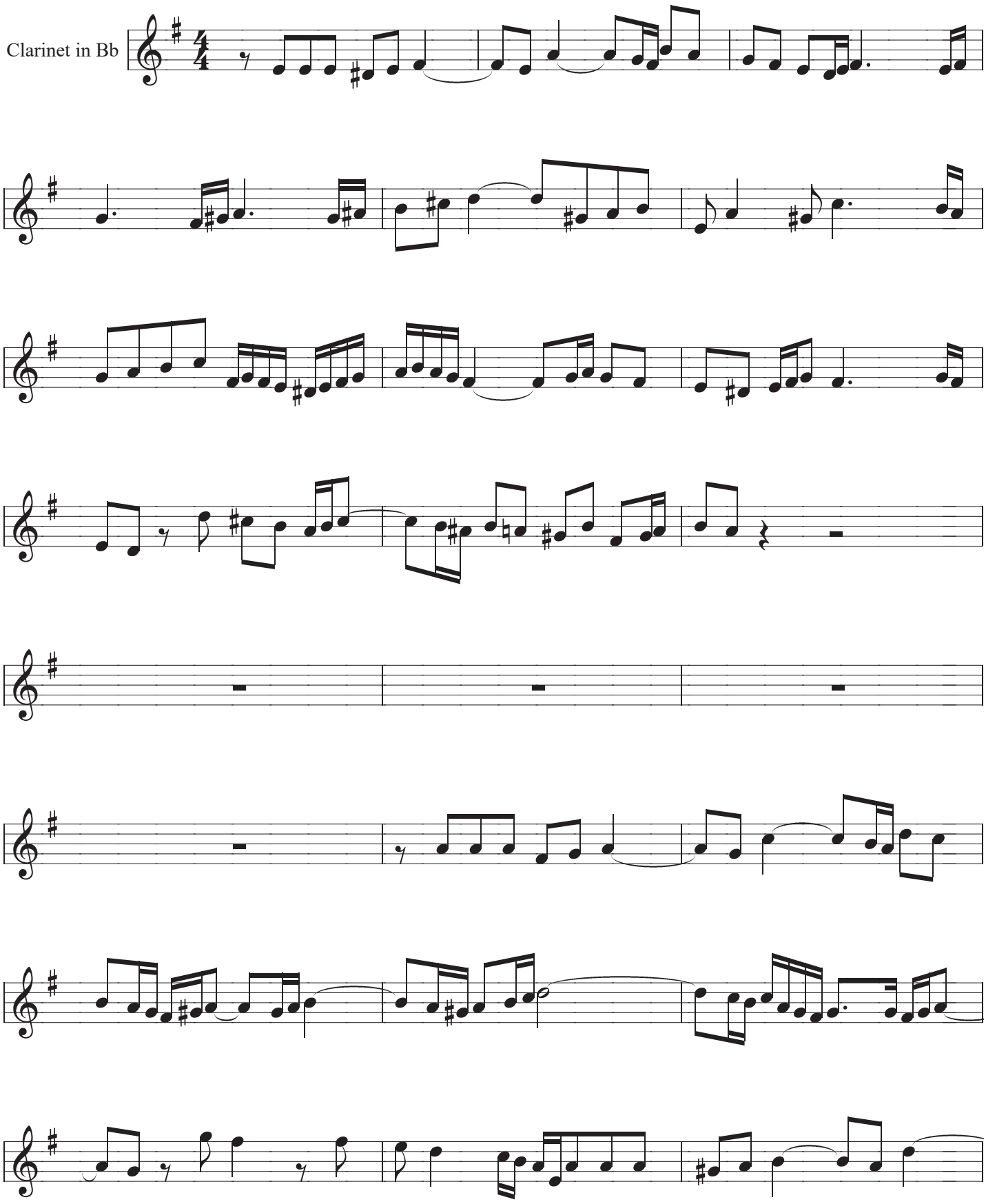
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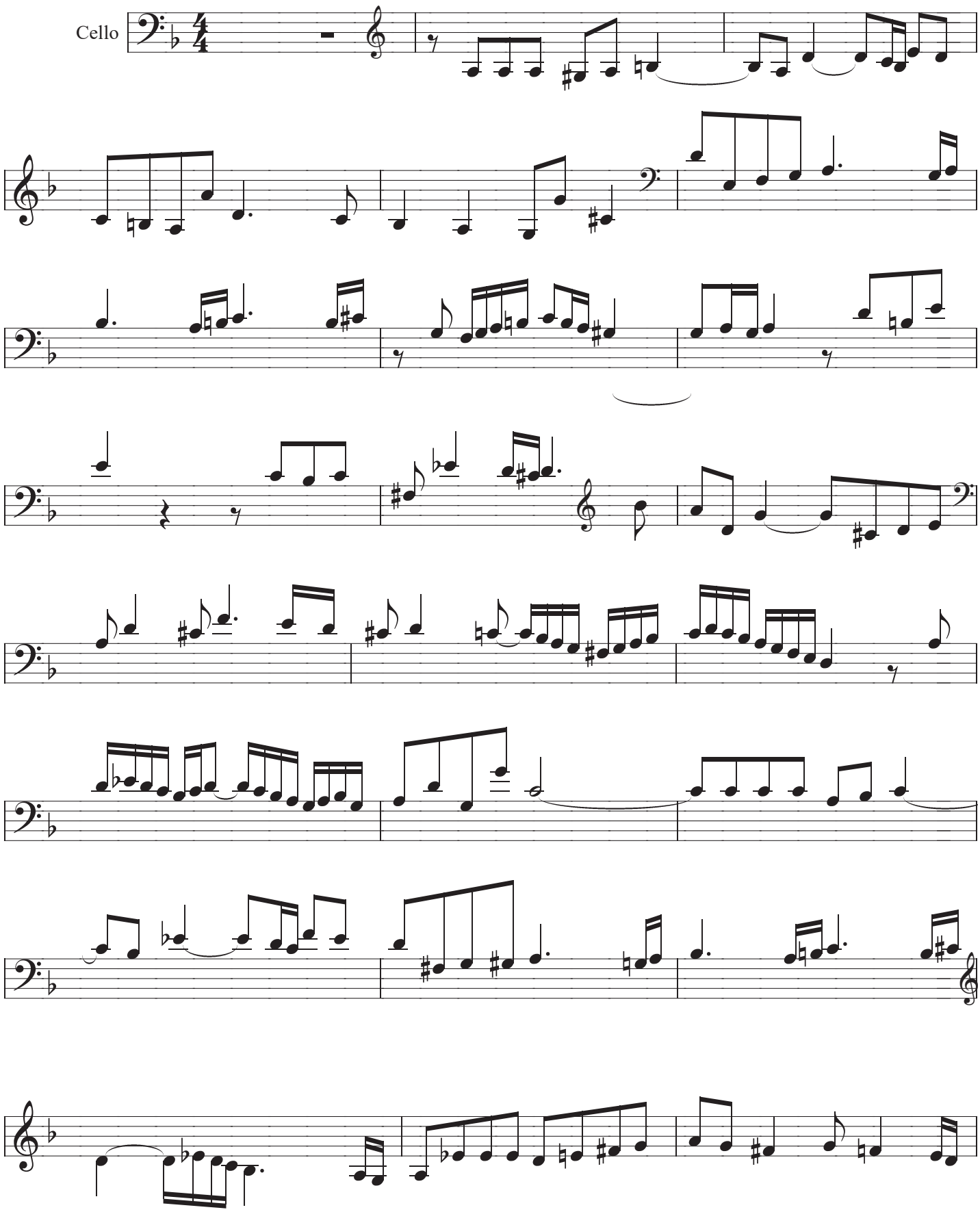
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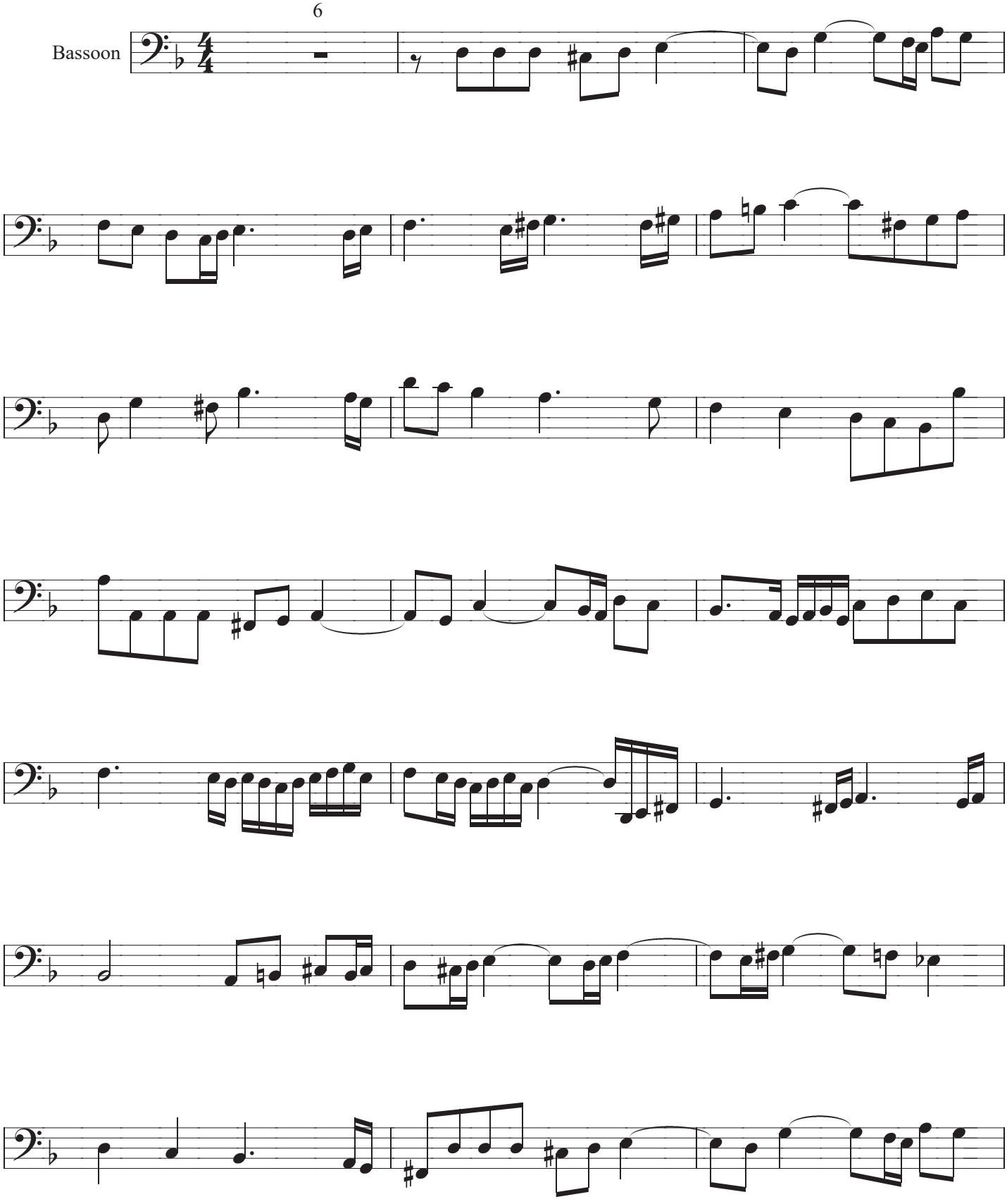
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Colors of the Well-Tempered Clavier II

Prelude & Fugue no. 9

BWV 878

for

Oboe, Violin & Organ or Harpsichord

(with 2 manuals)

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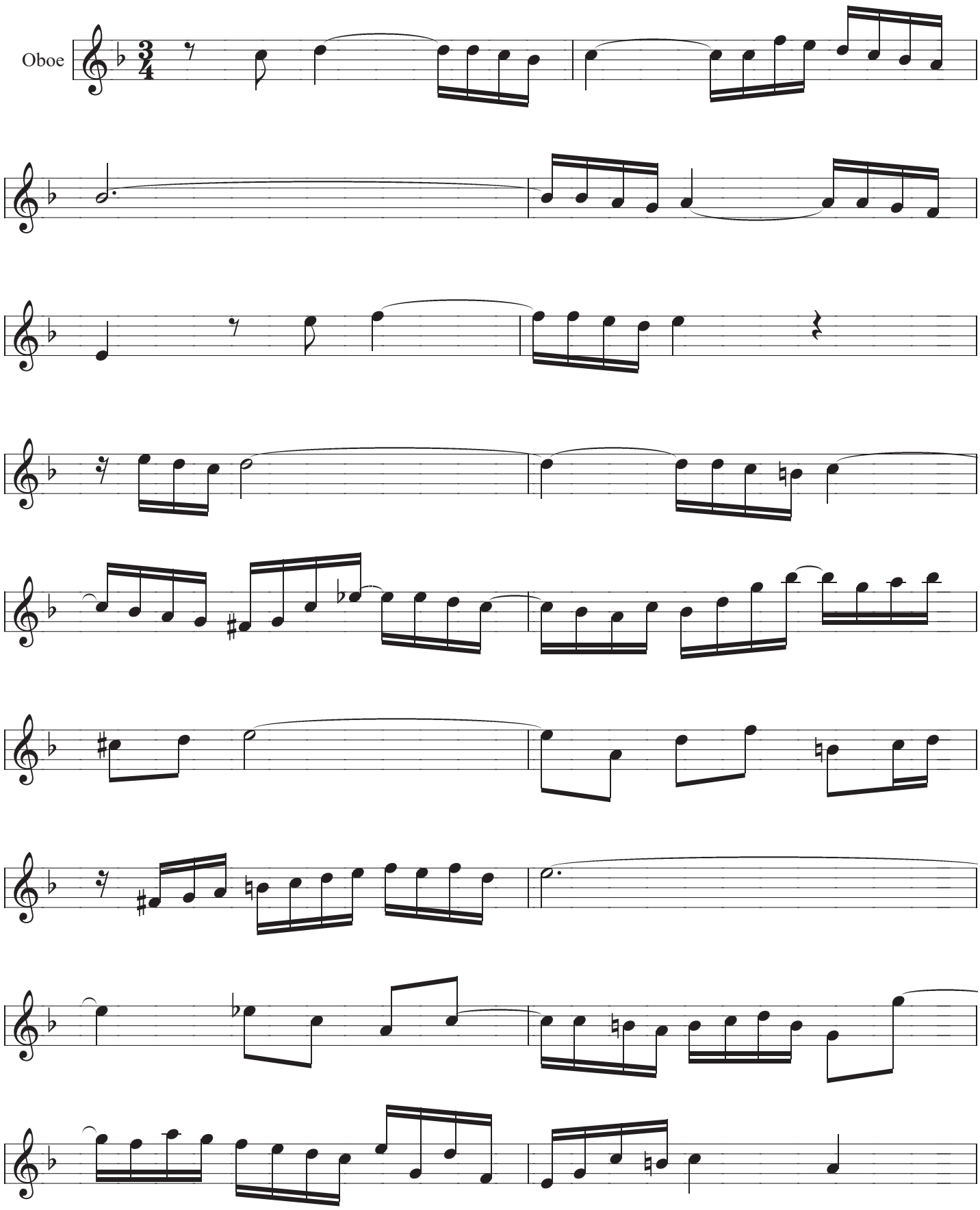
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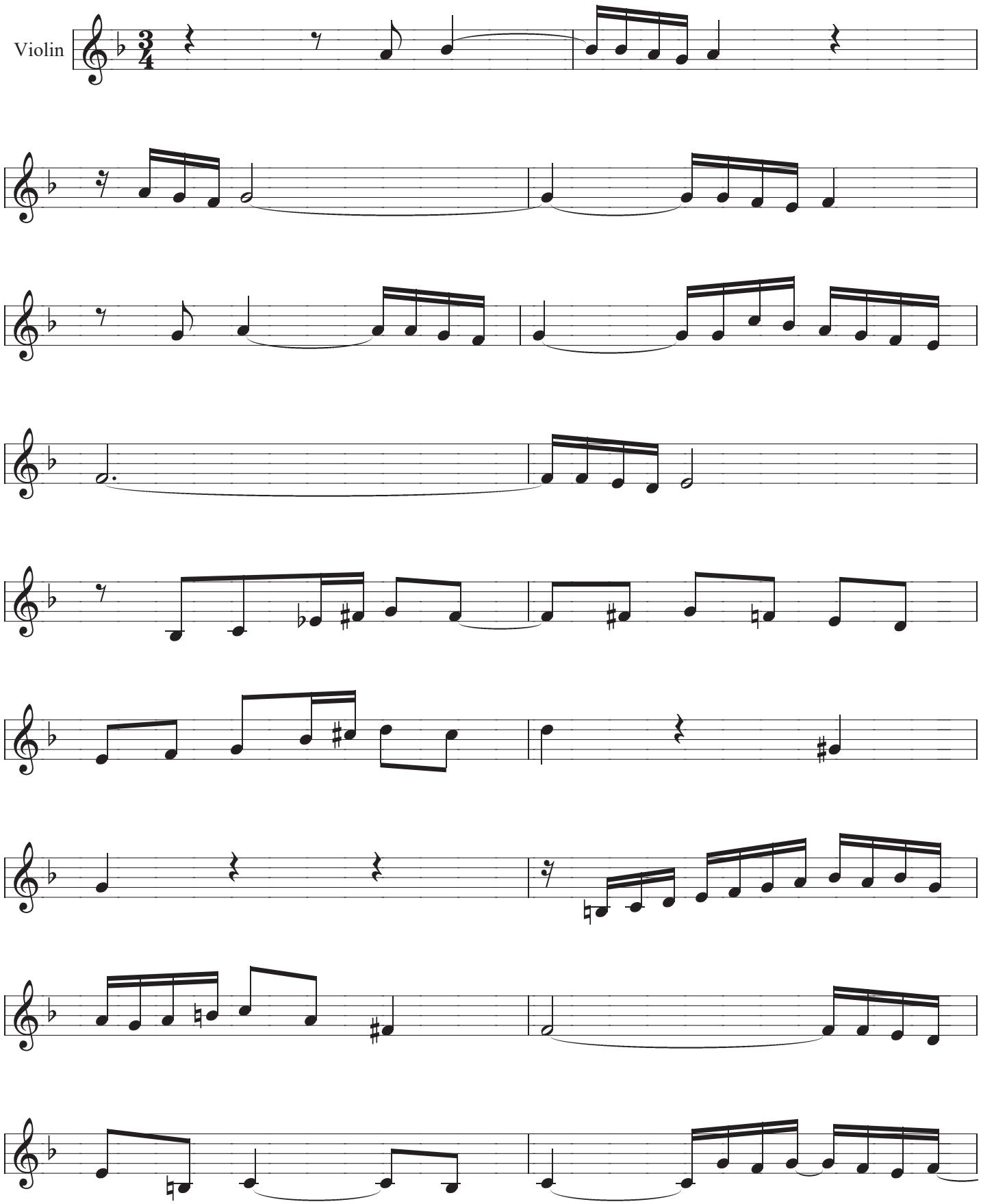
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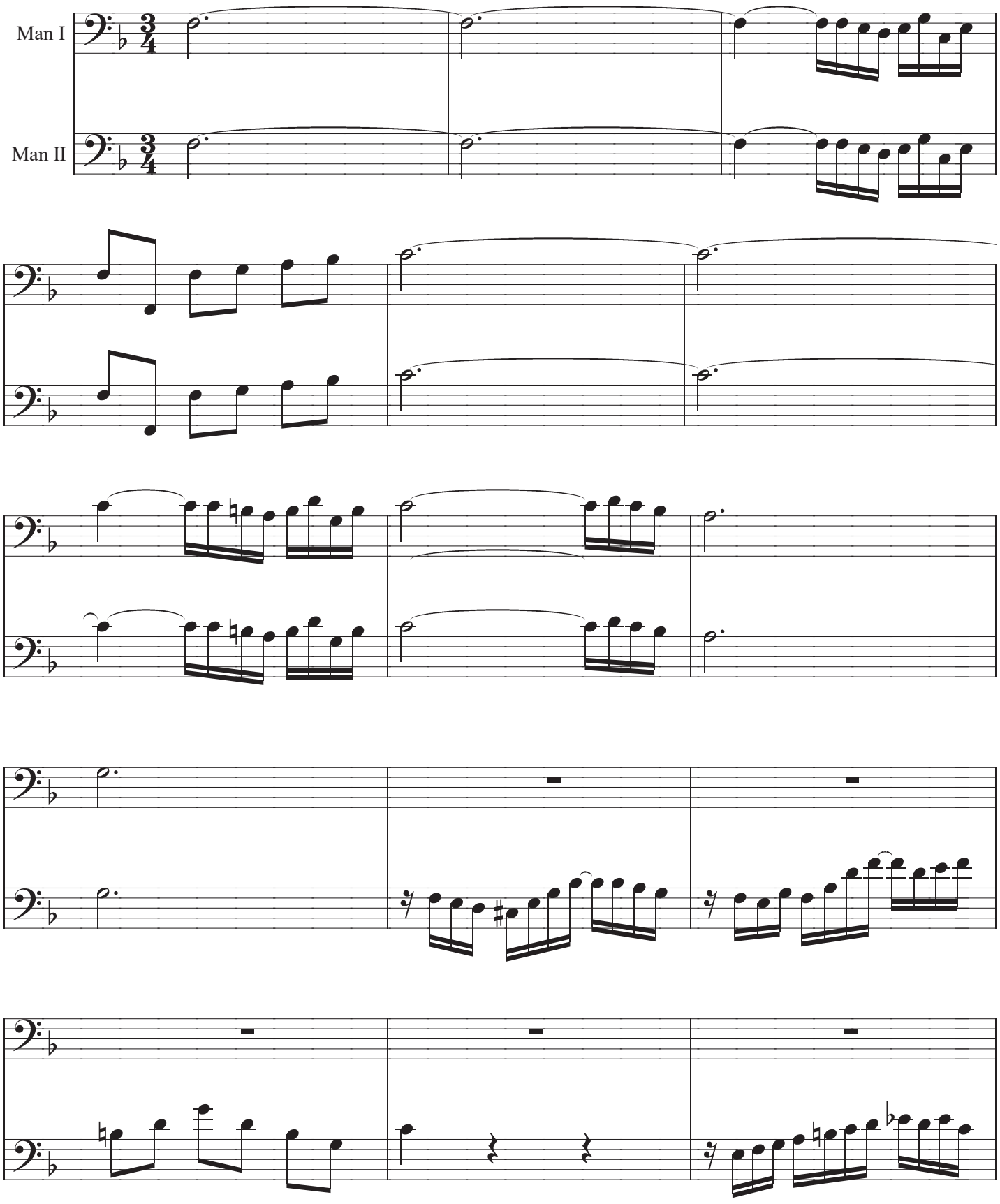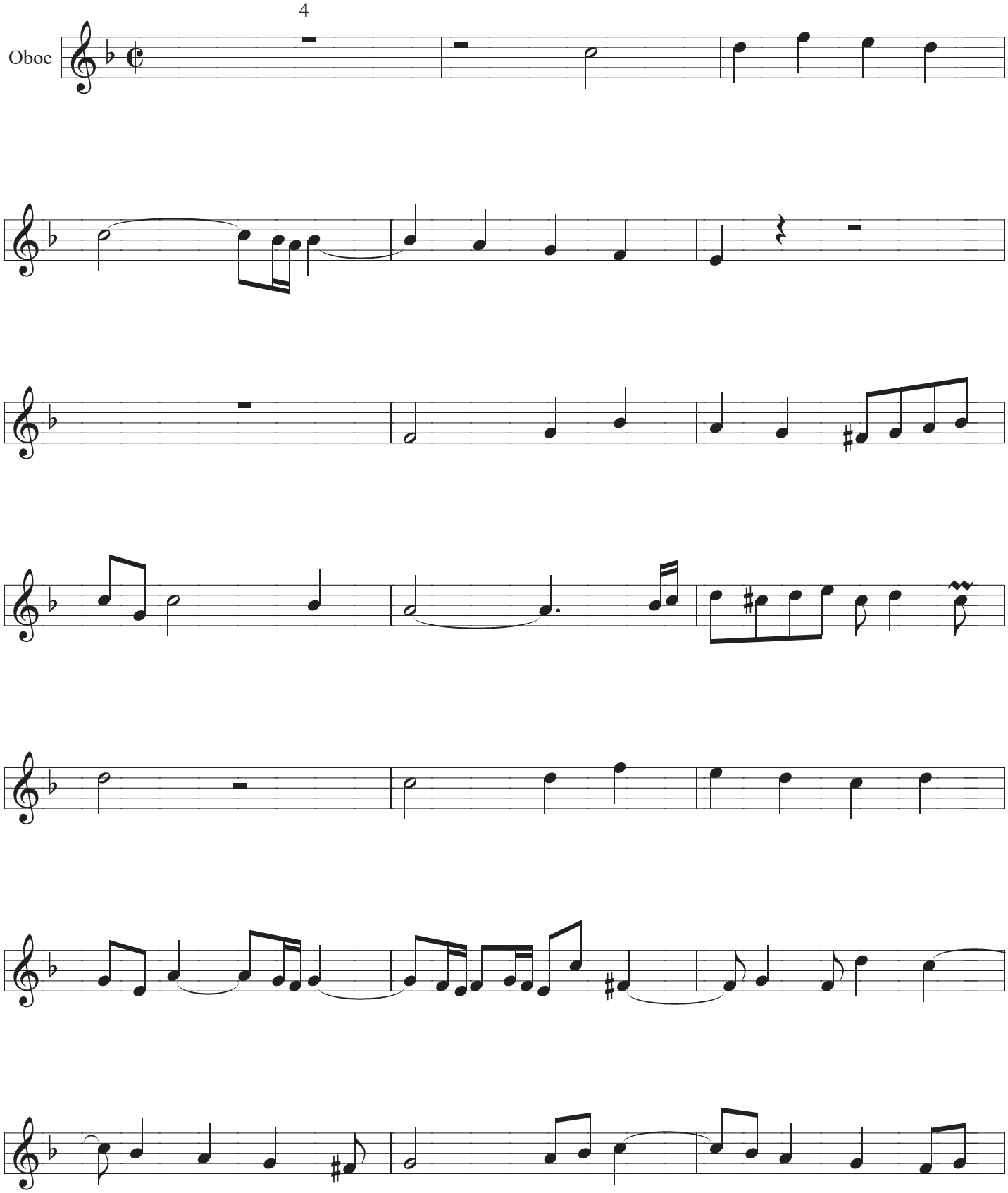
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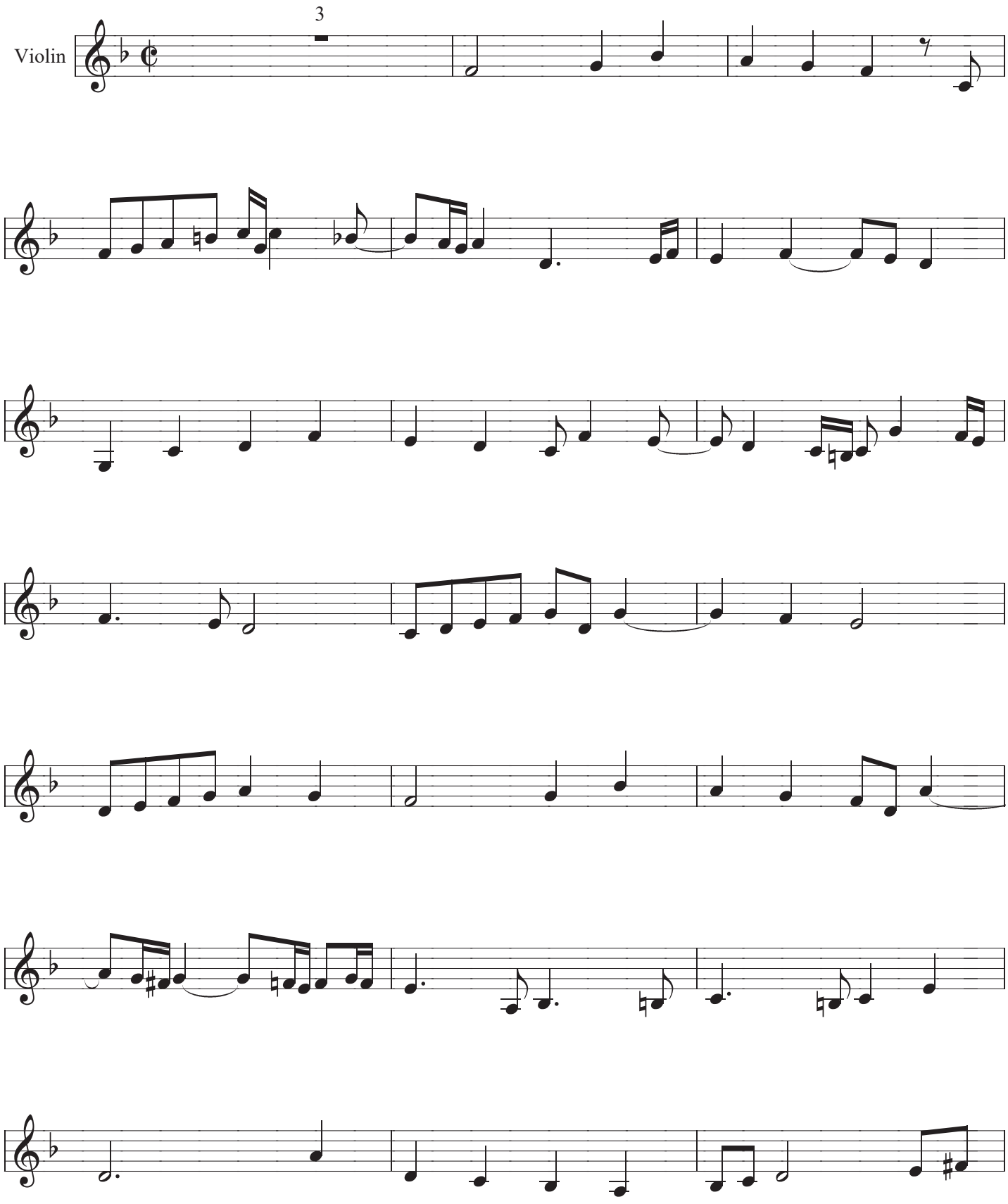
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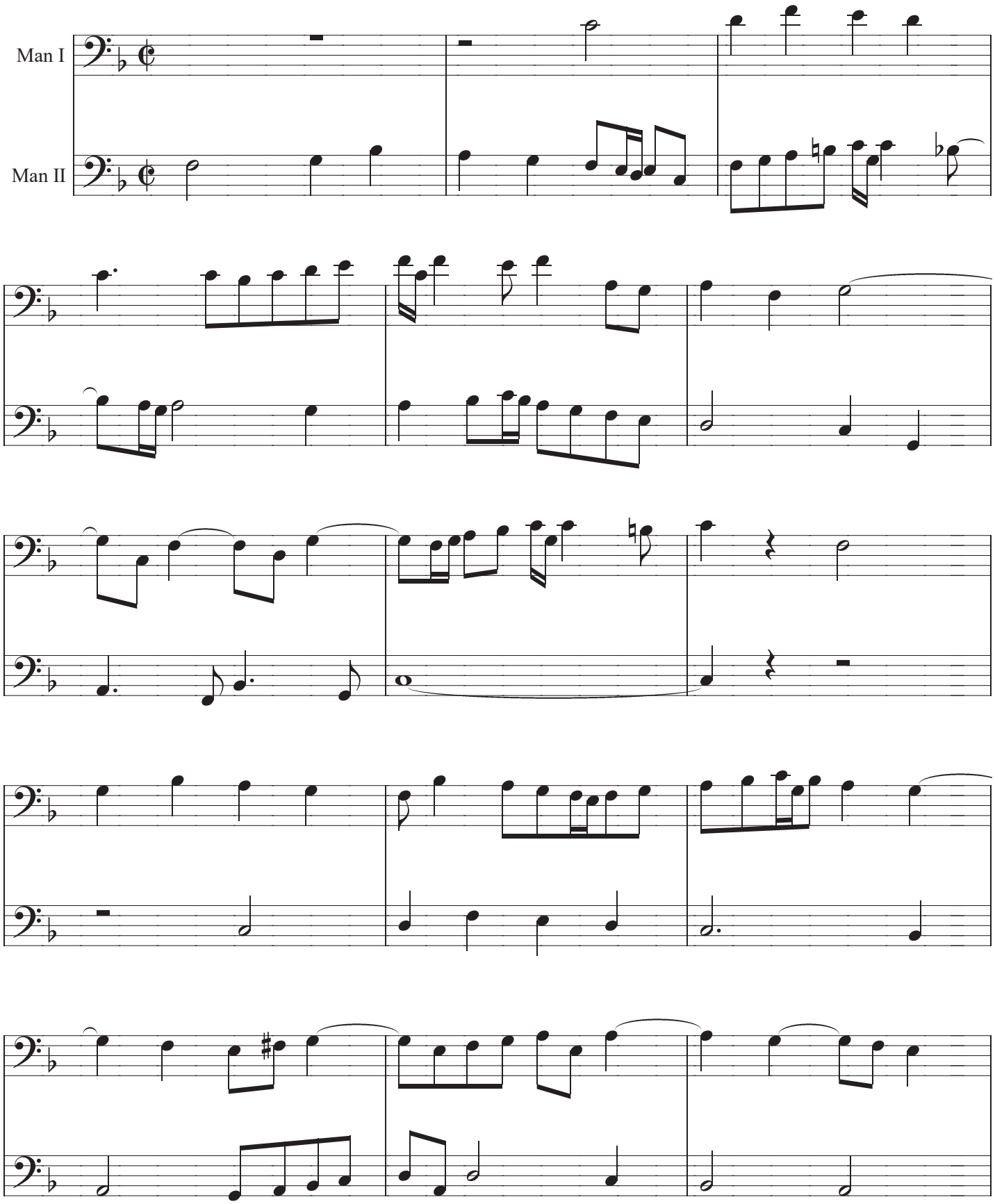
Man I
Man II

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Colors of the Well-Tempered Clavier II

Prelude & Fugue no. 10

BWV 879

for

Flugelhorn in Bb, Viola & Bassoon

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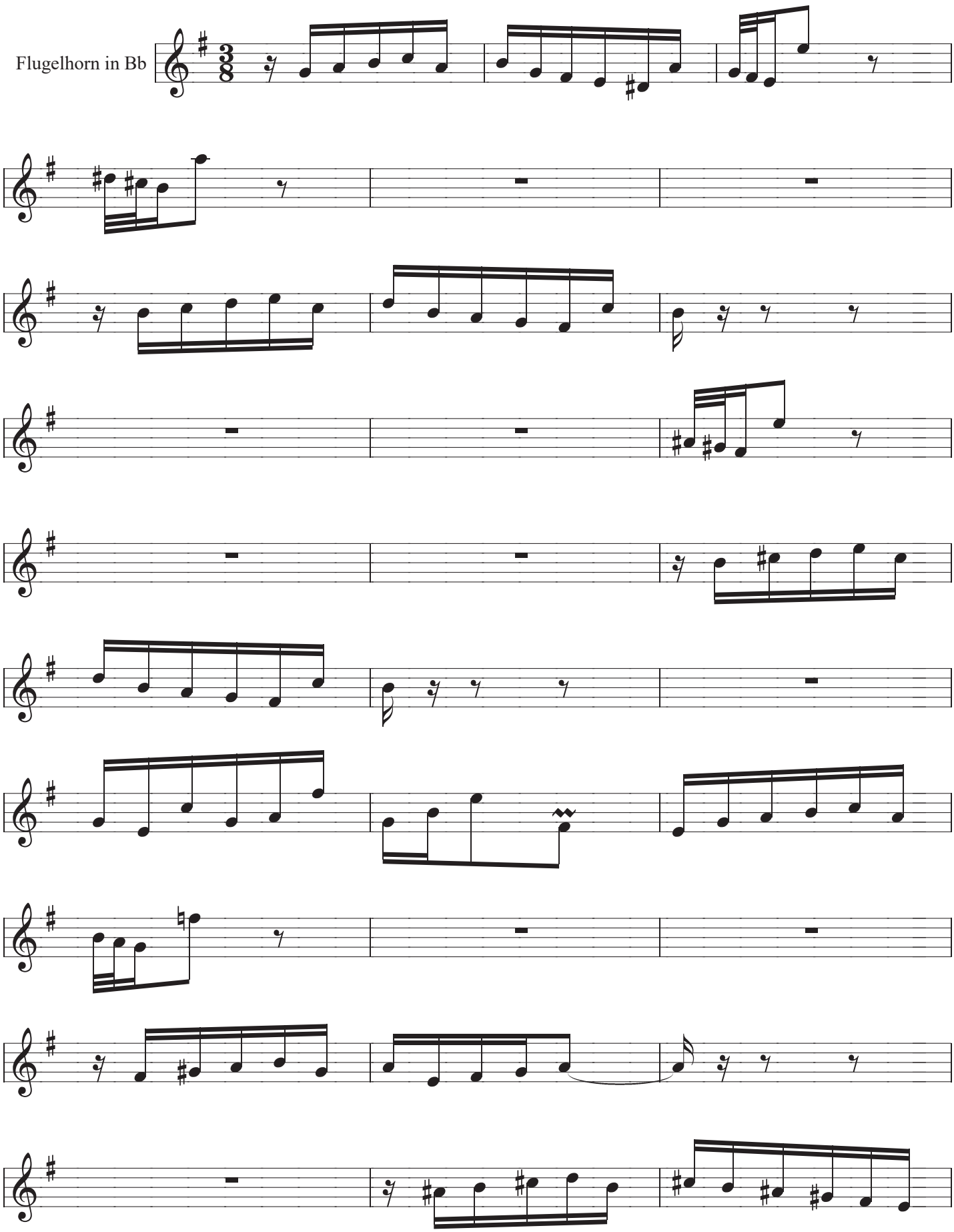
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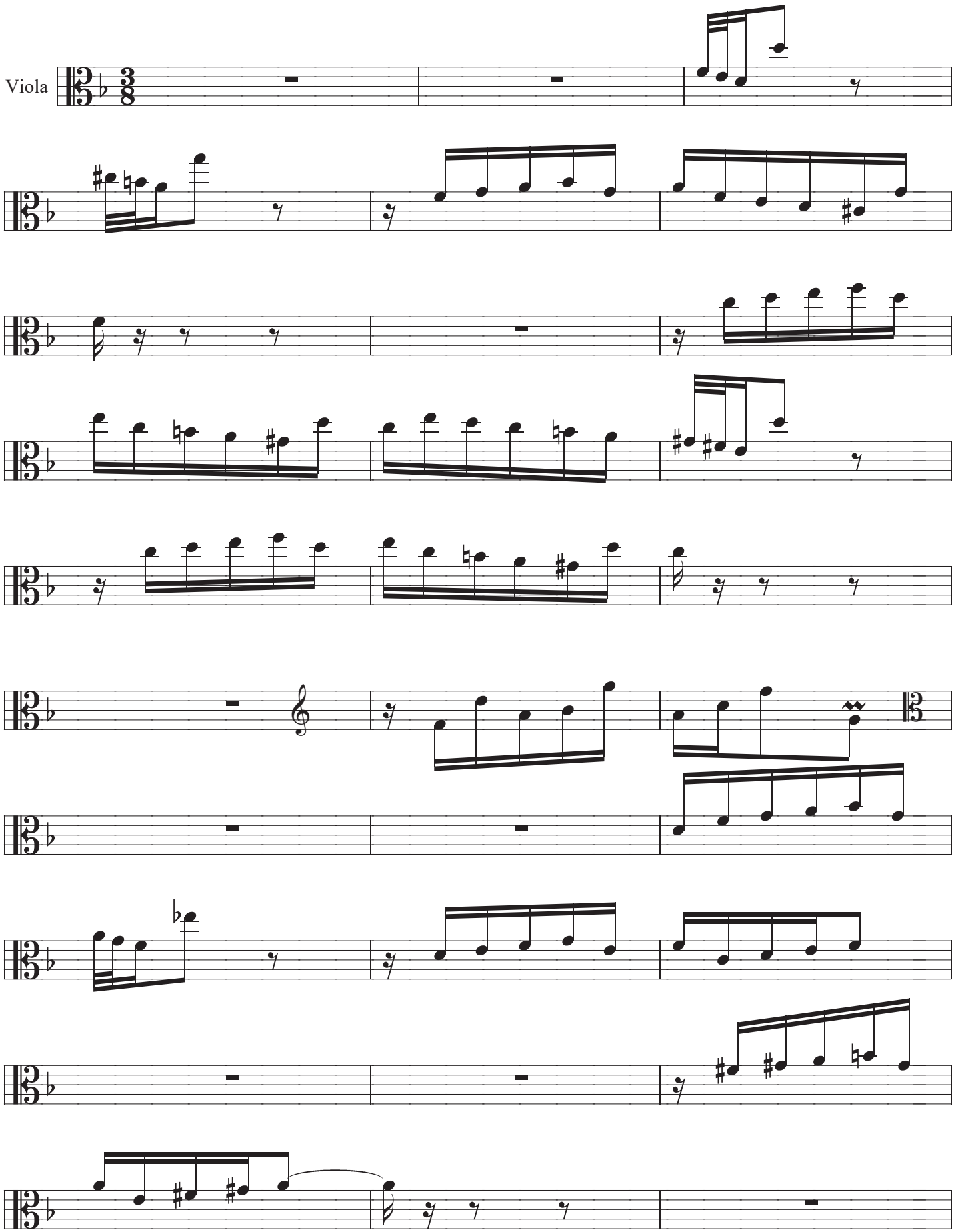
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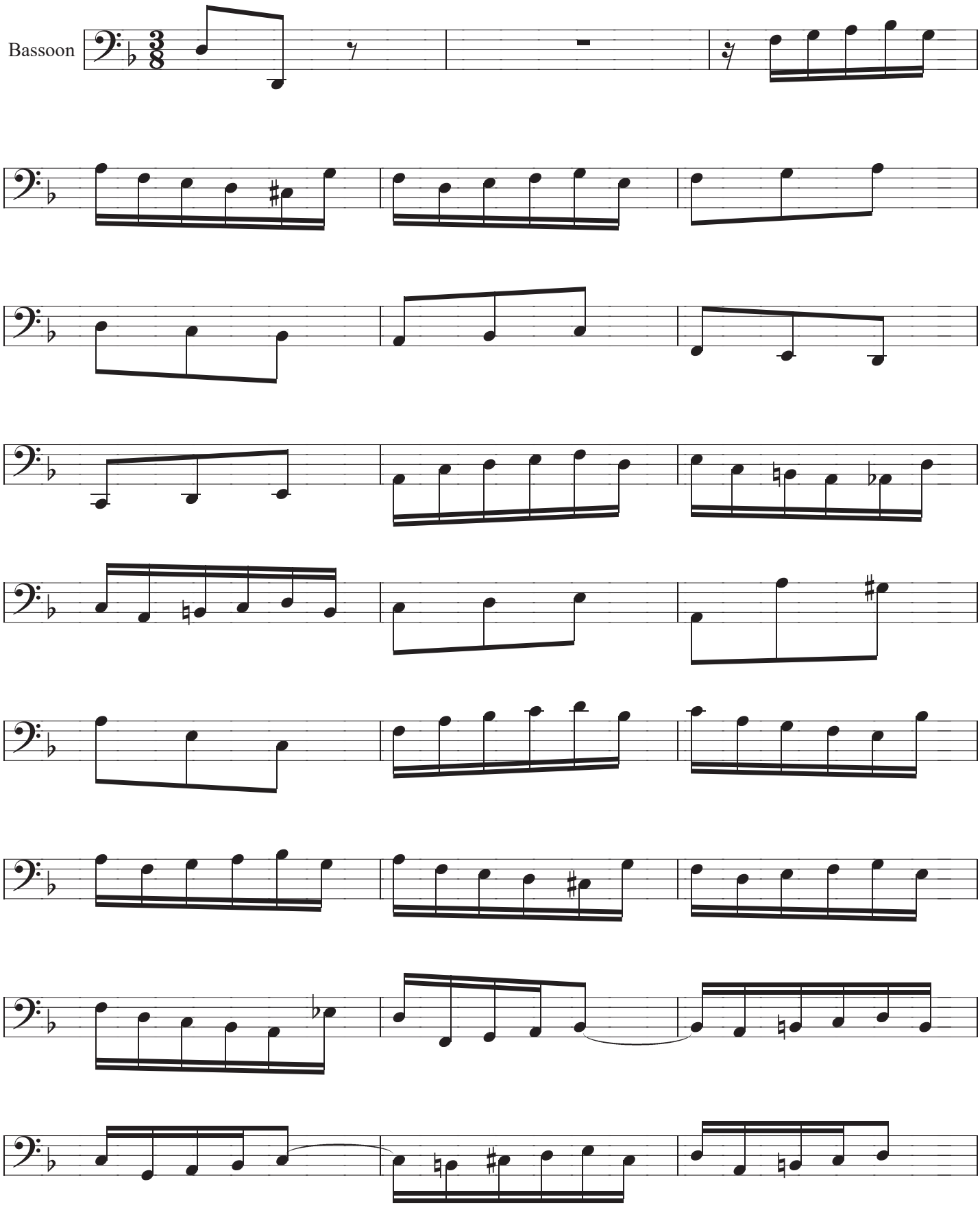
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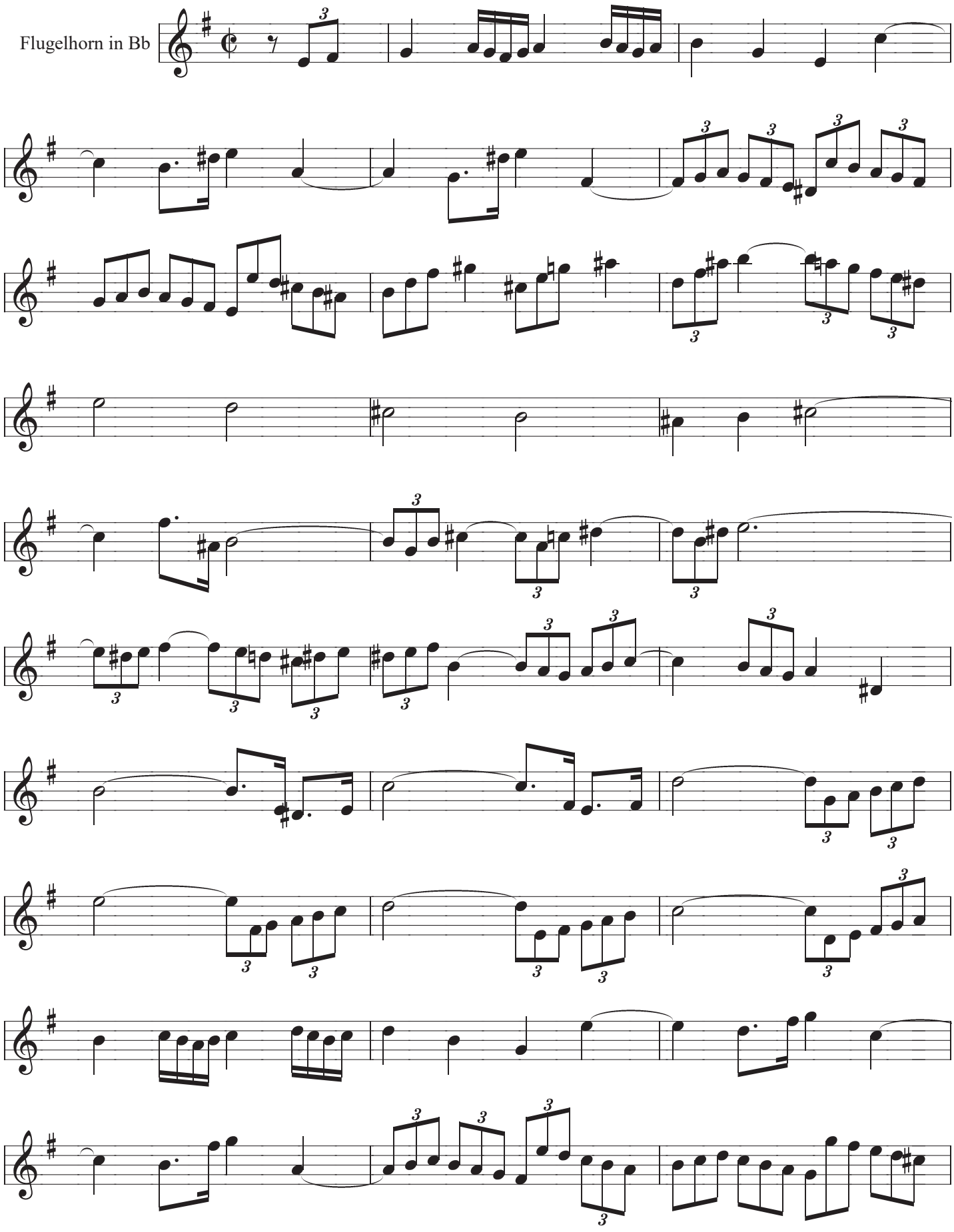
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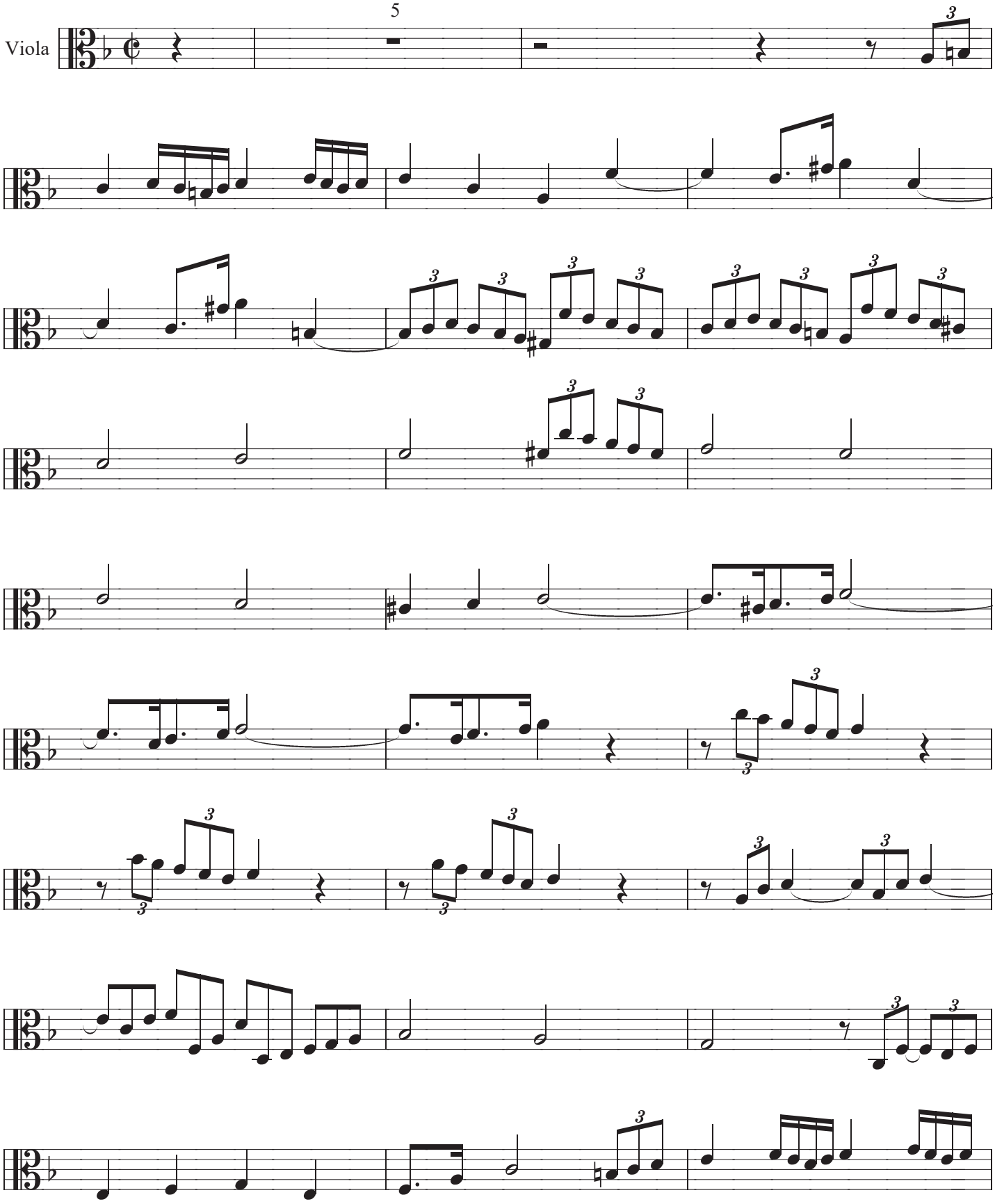
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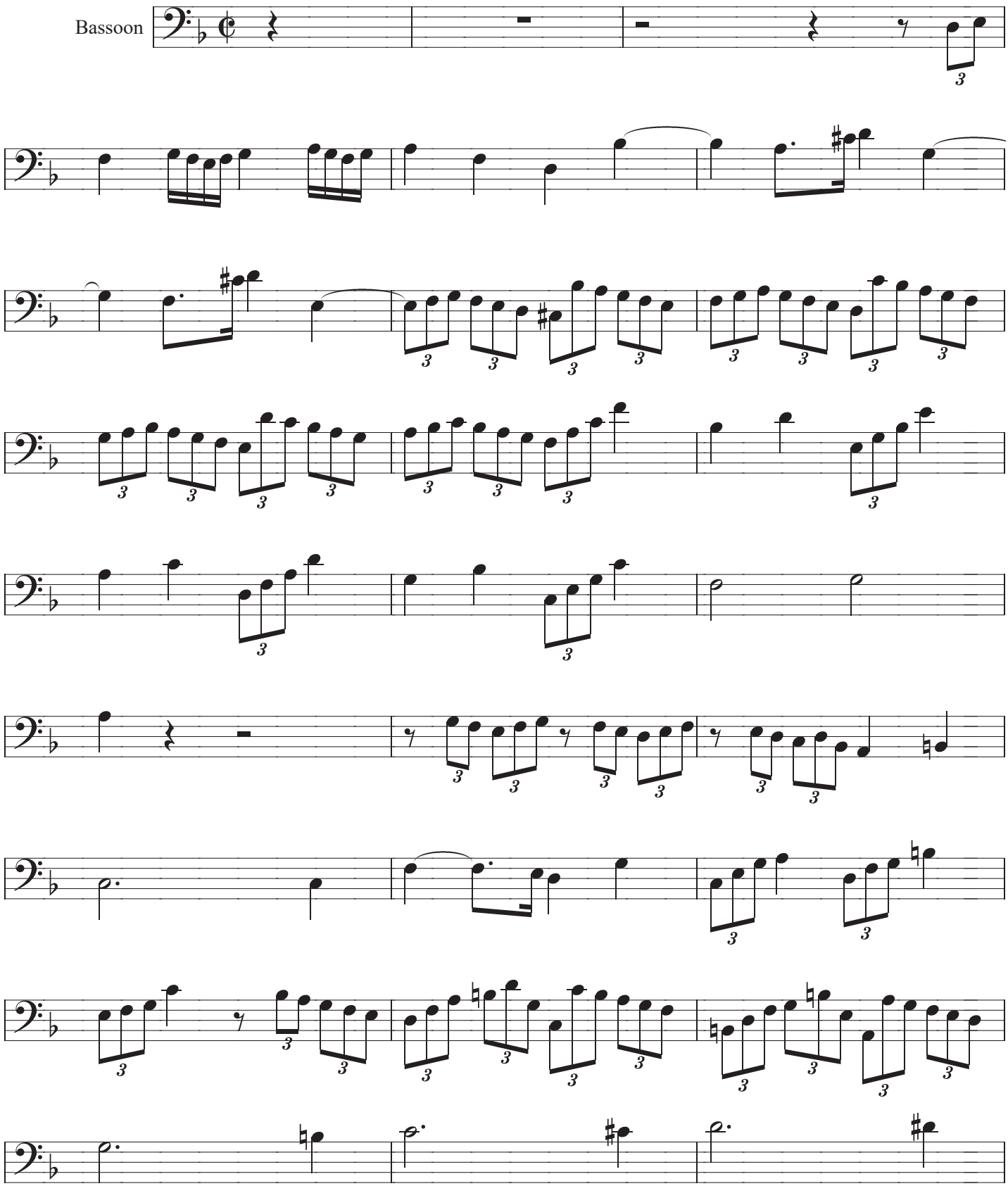
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Colors of the Well-Tempered Clavier II

Prelude & Fugue no. 11

BWV 880

for

Concert Flute, Violin &

Organ or Harpsichord

(2 manuals)

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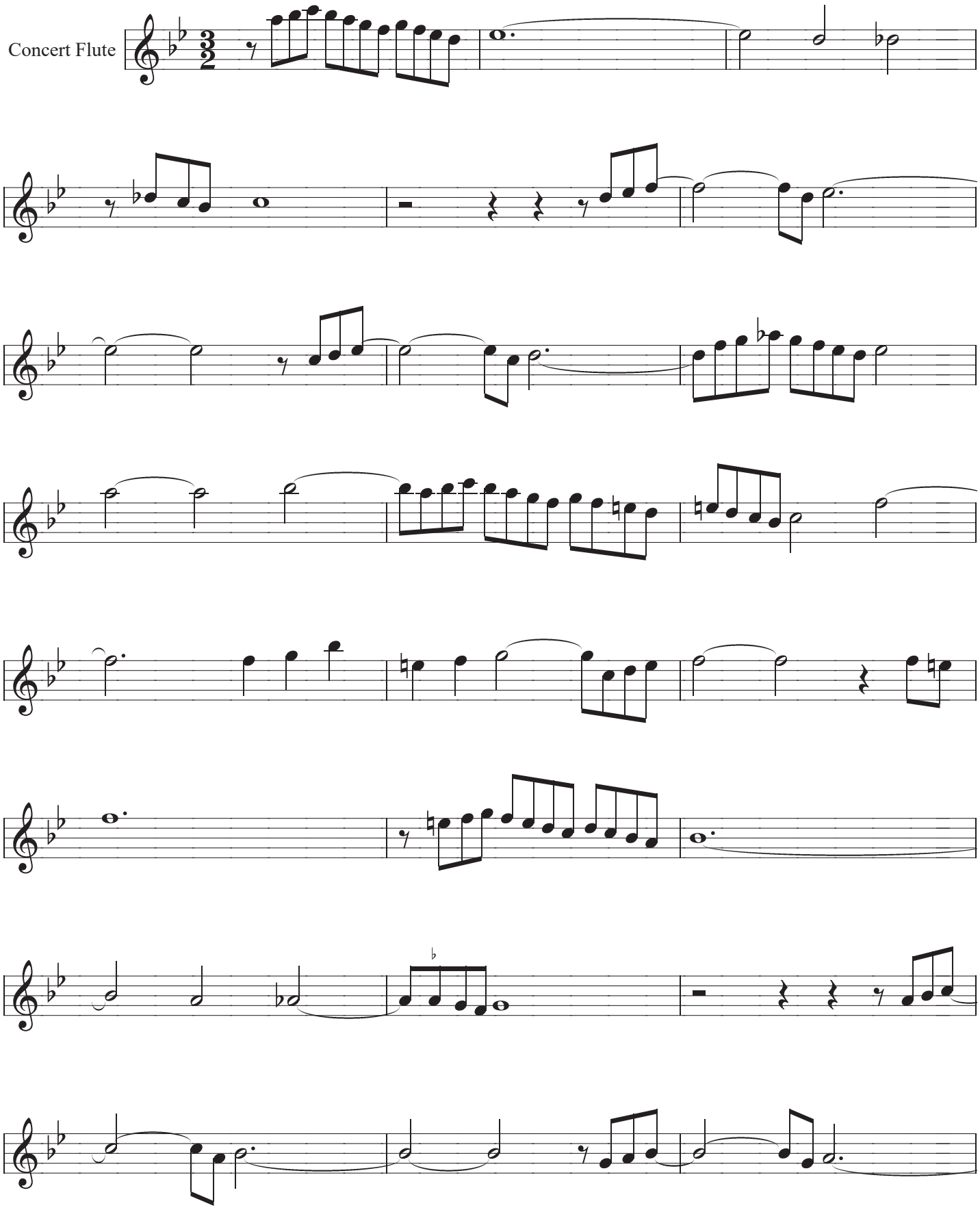
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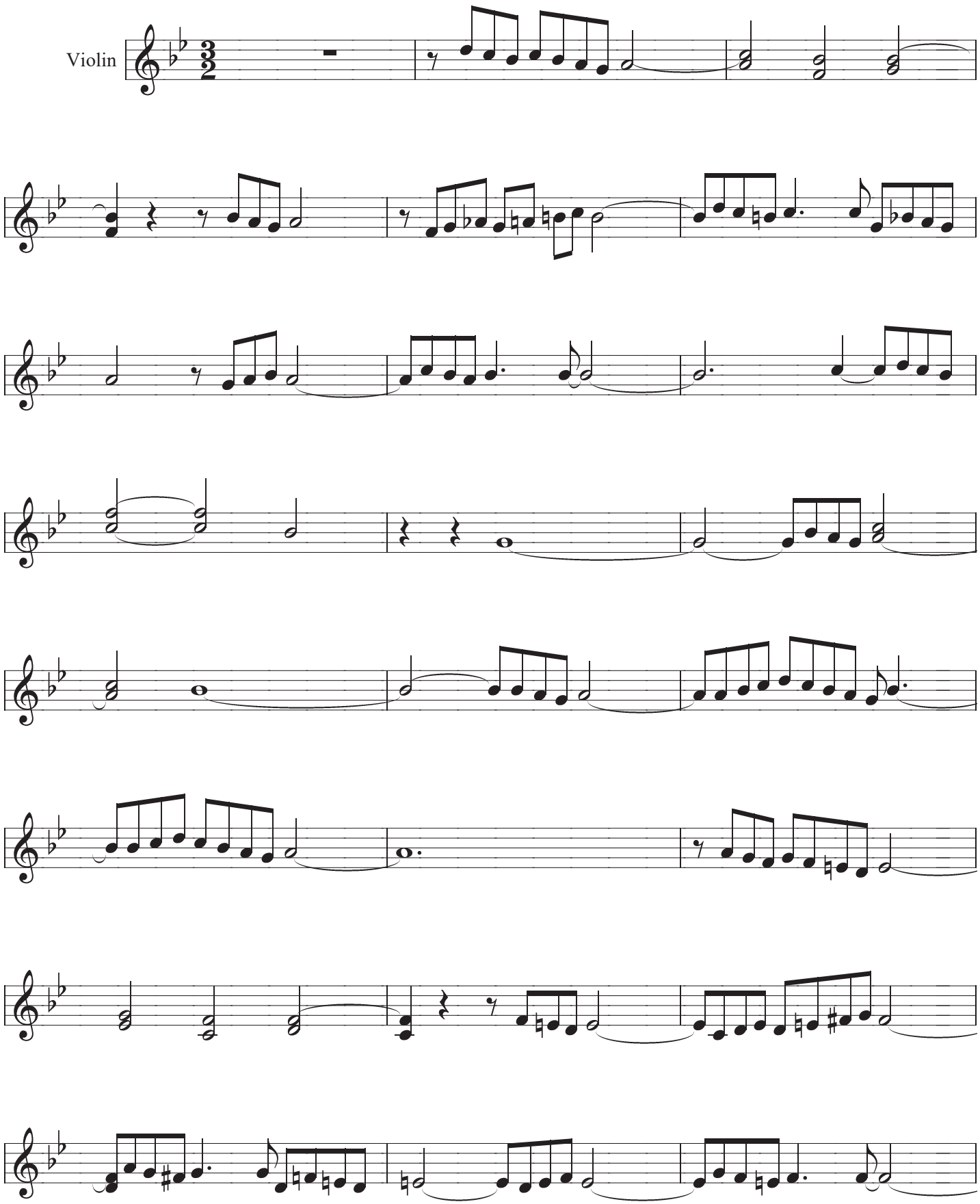
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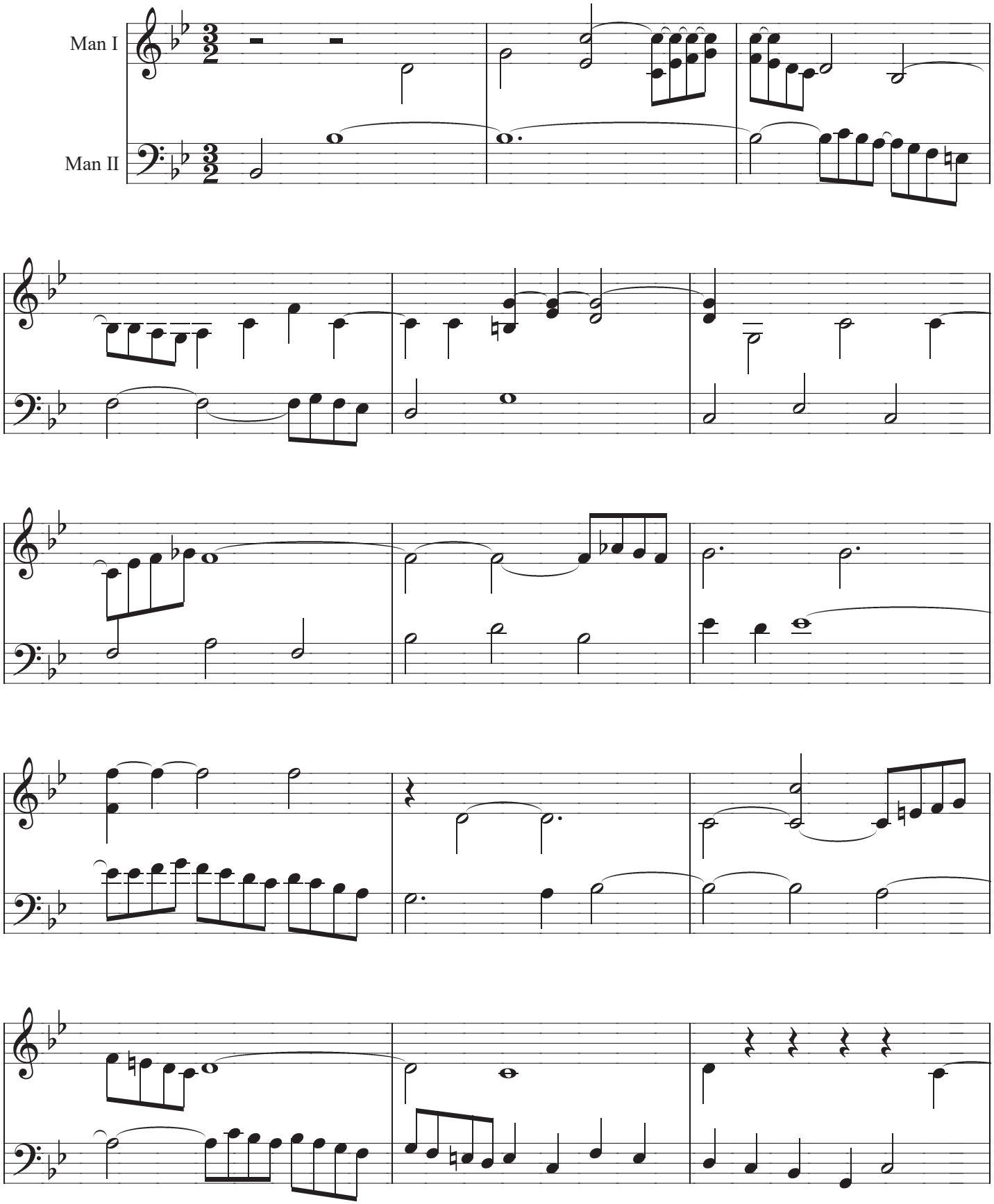
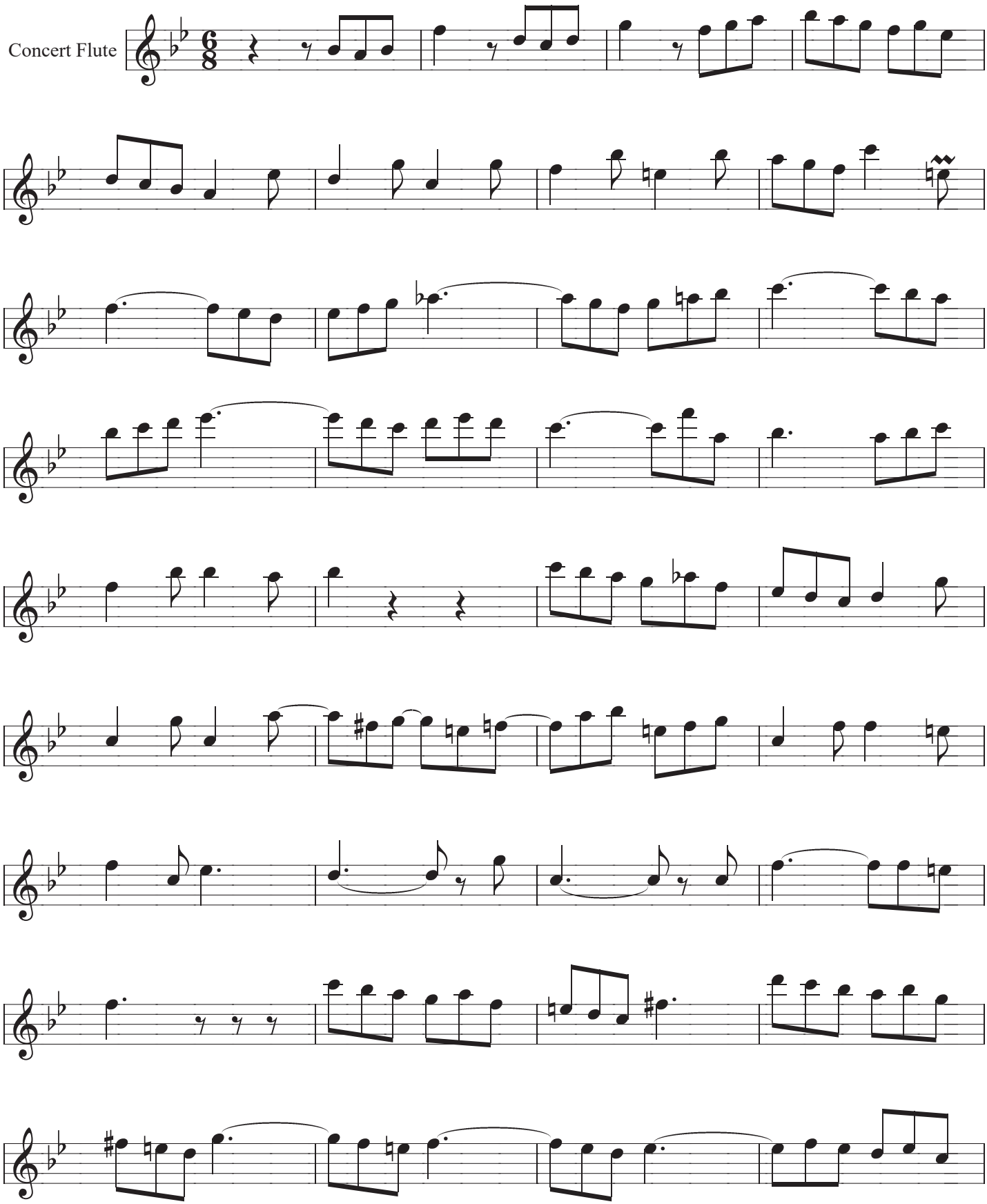
Organ or Harpsichord (2 manuals)

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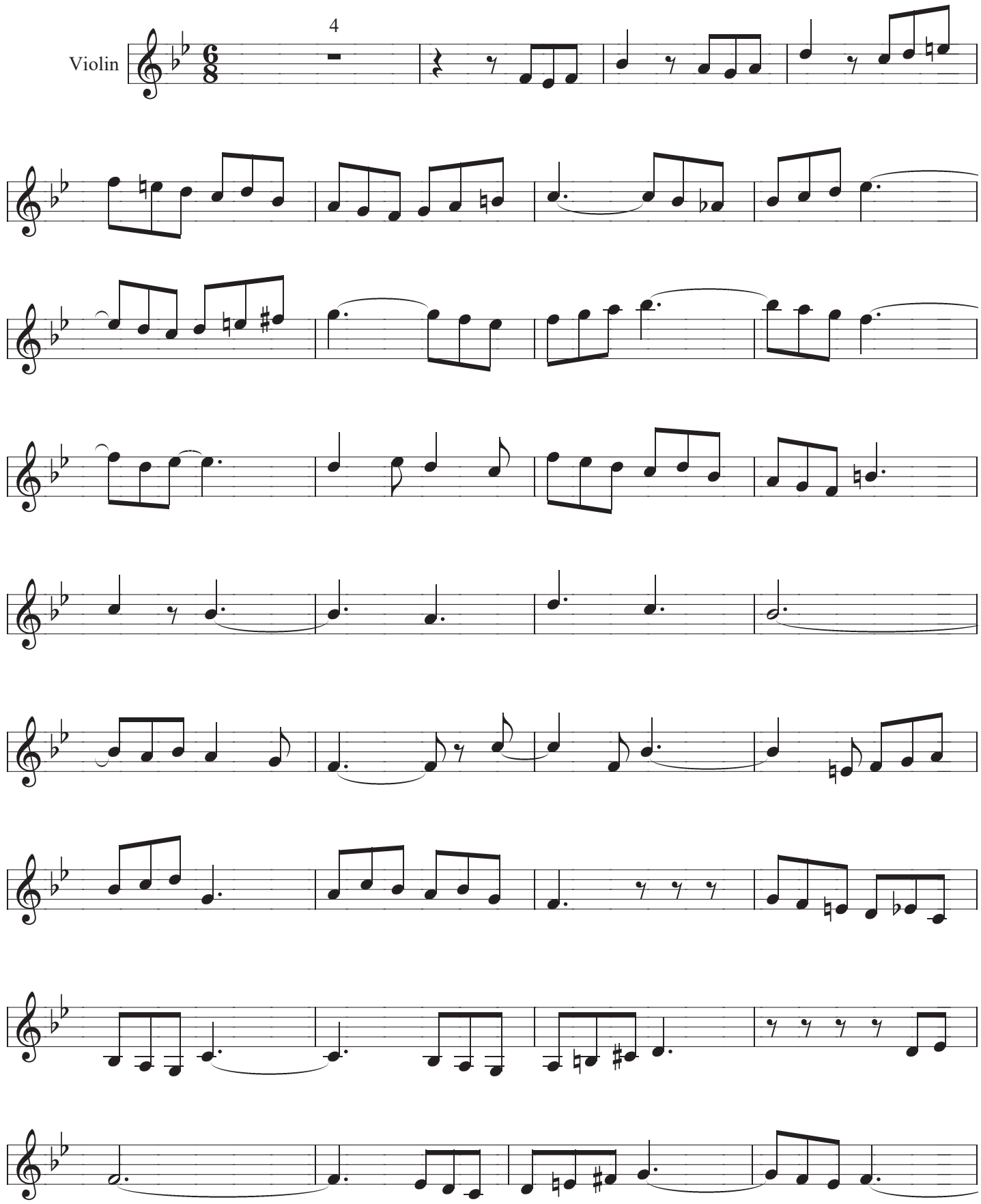
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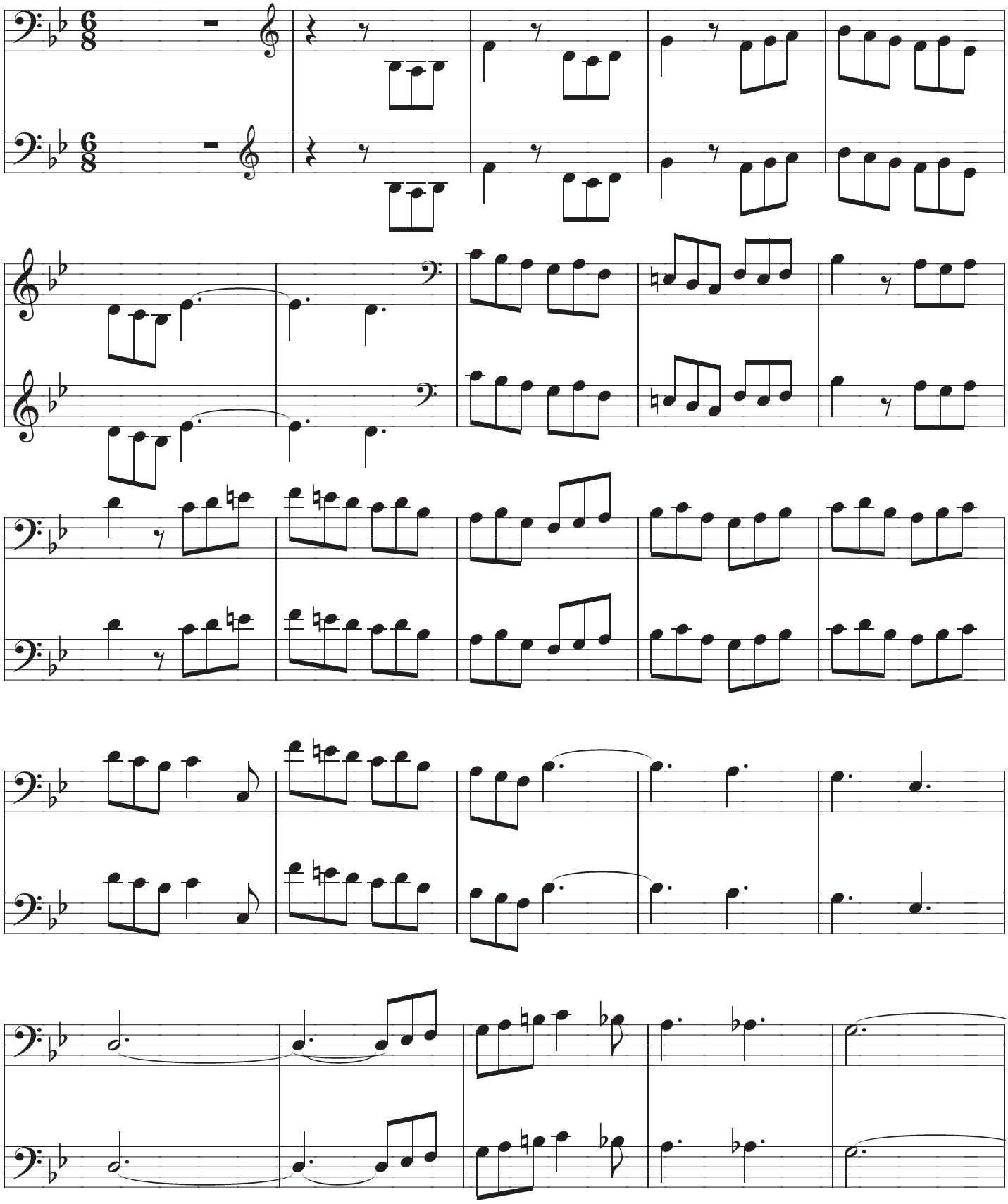
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Colors of the Well-Tempered Clavier II

Prelude & Fugue no. 12

BWV 881

for

Concert Flute, Viola & Bassoon

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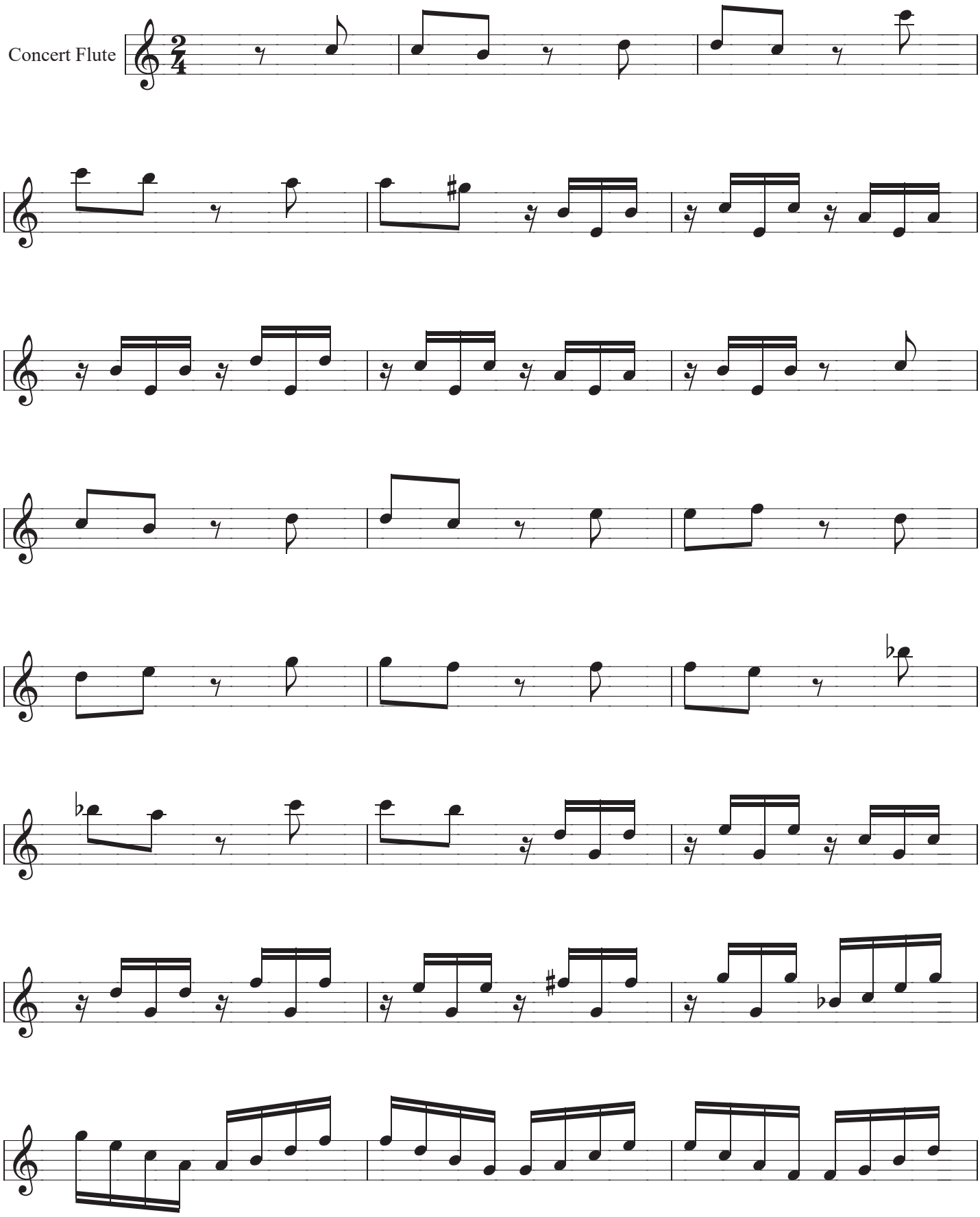
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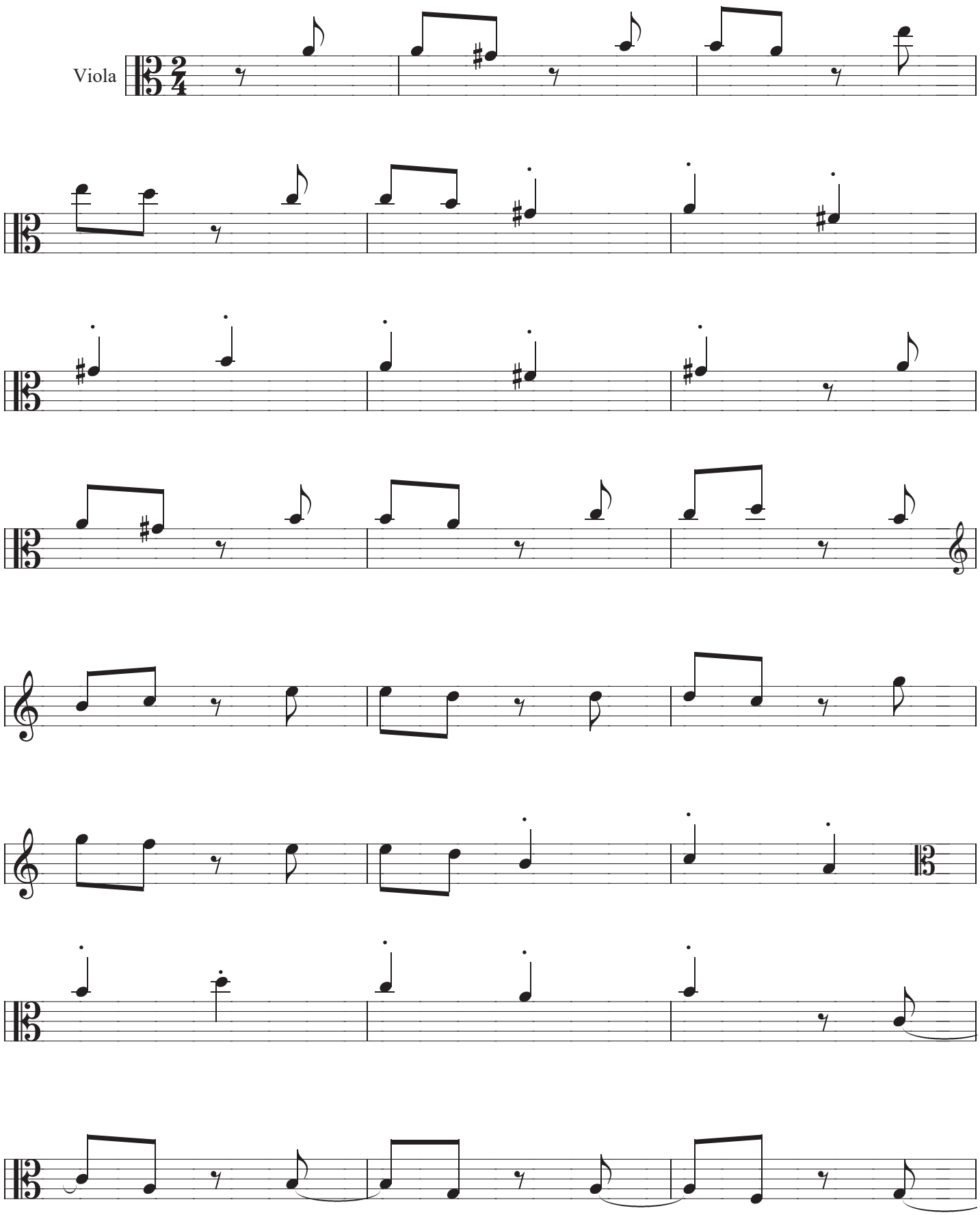
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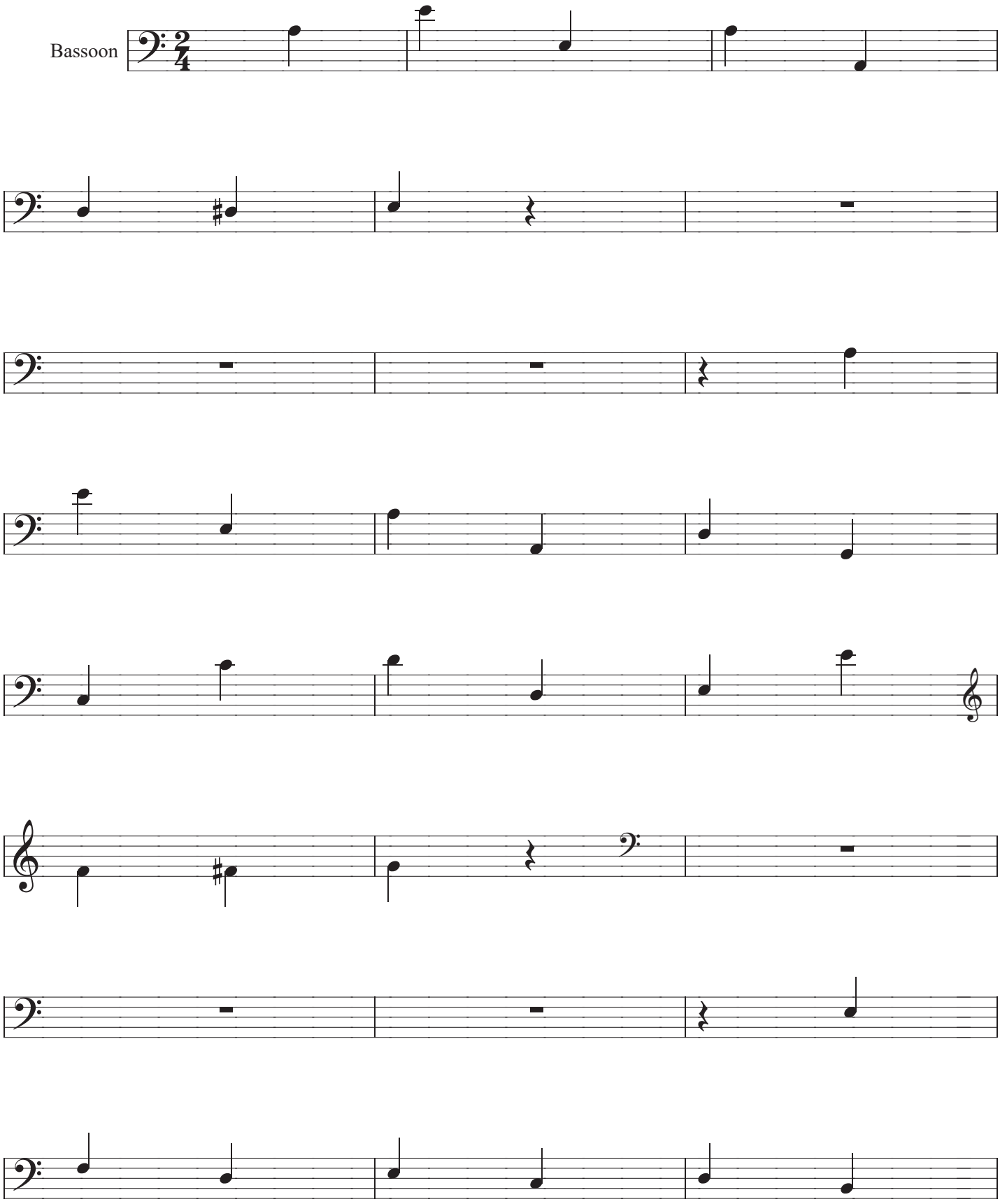
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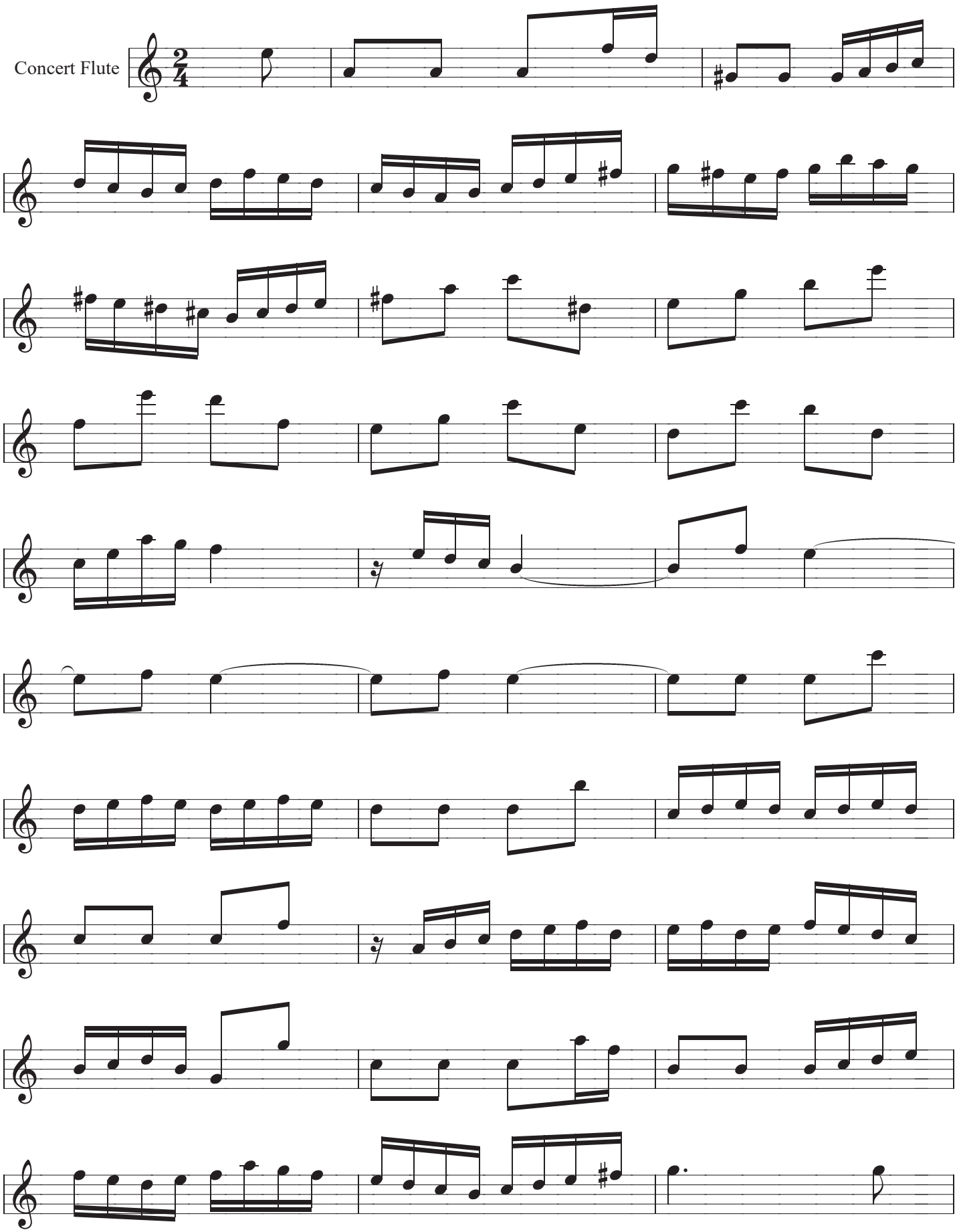
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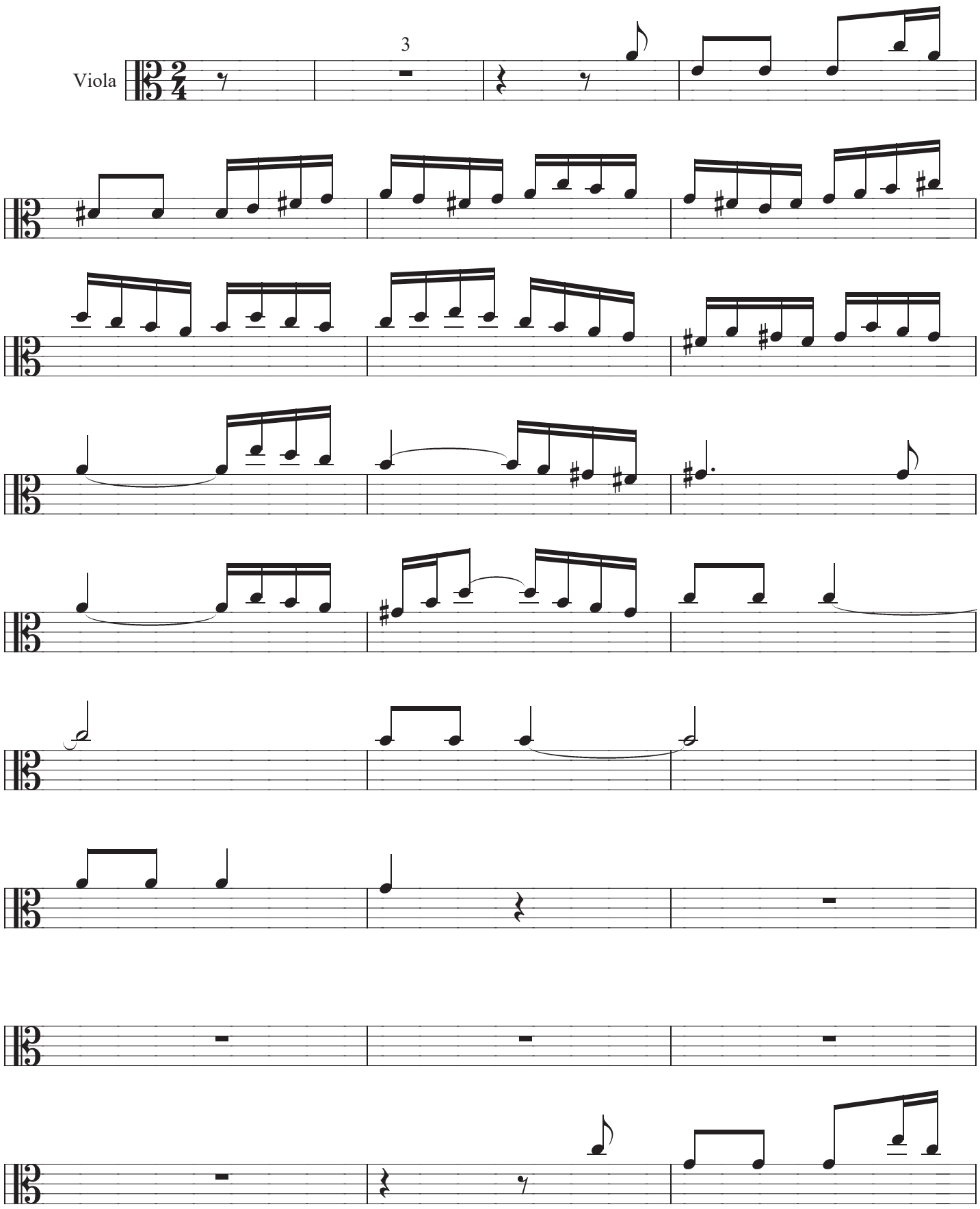
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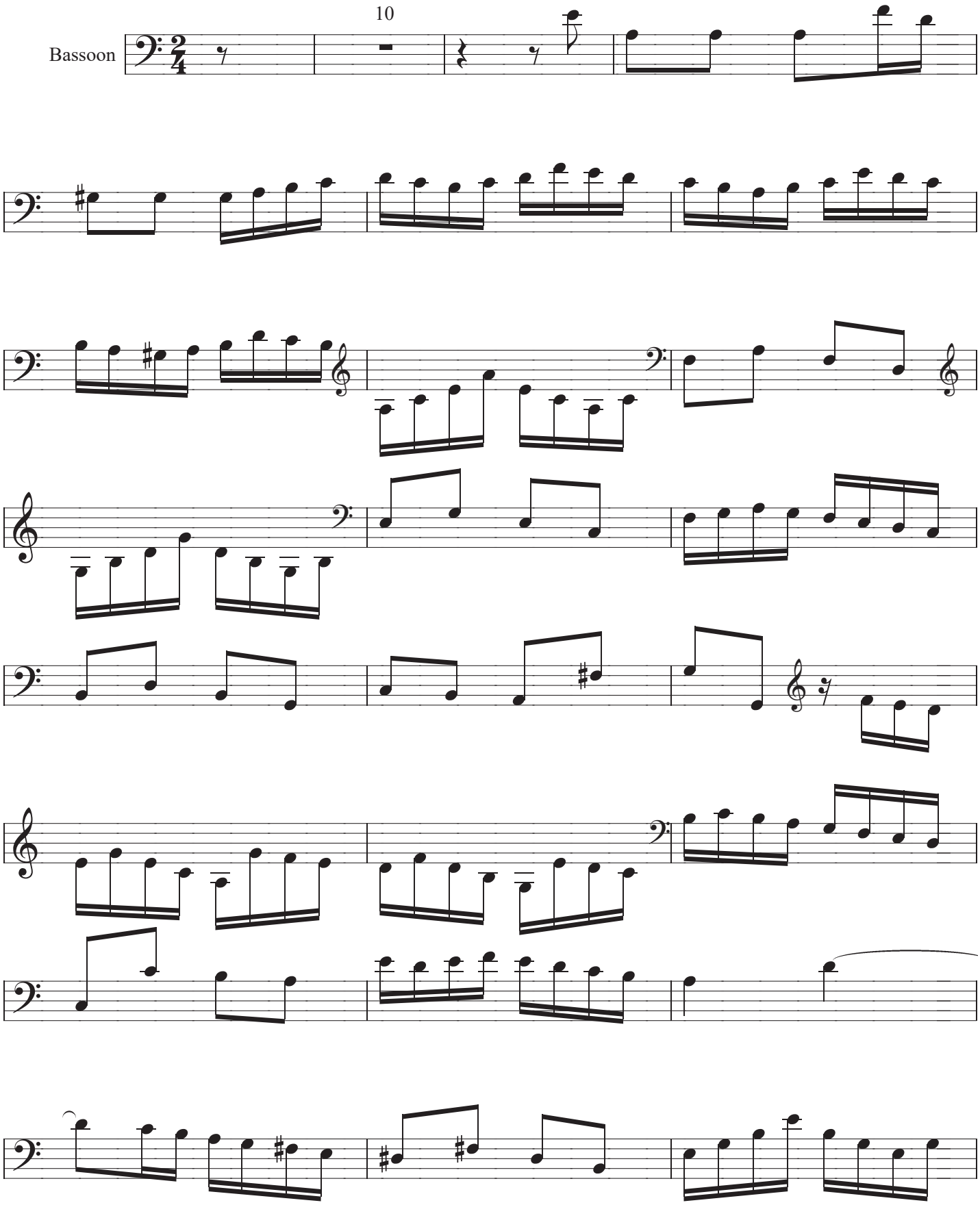
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Colors of the Well-Tempered Clavier II

Prelude & Fugue no. 13

BWV 882

for

Oboe, Clarinet in Bb & Cello

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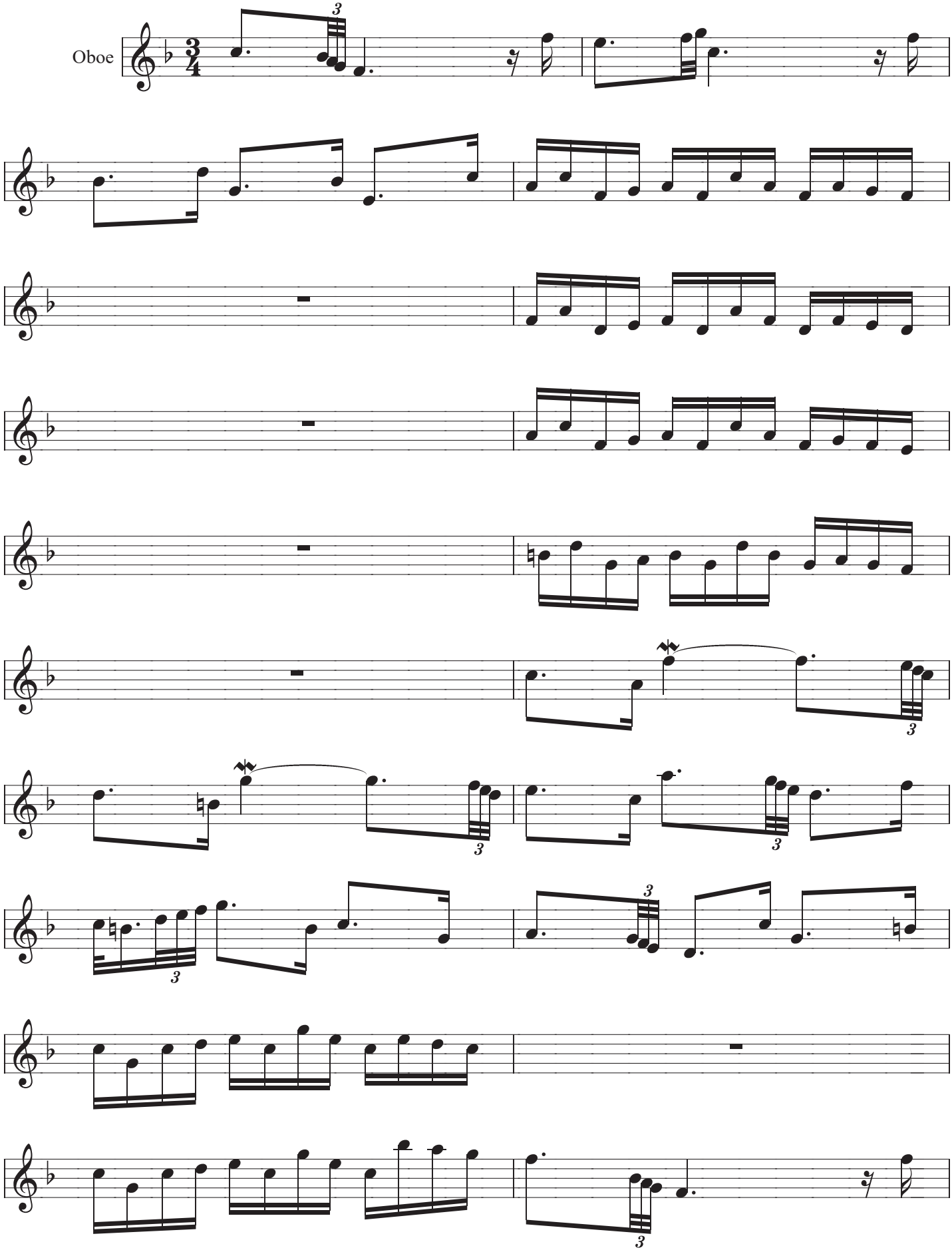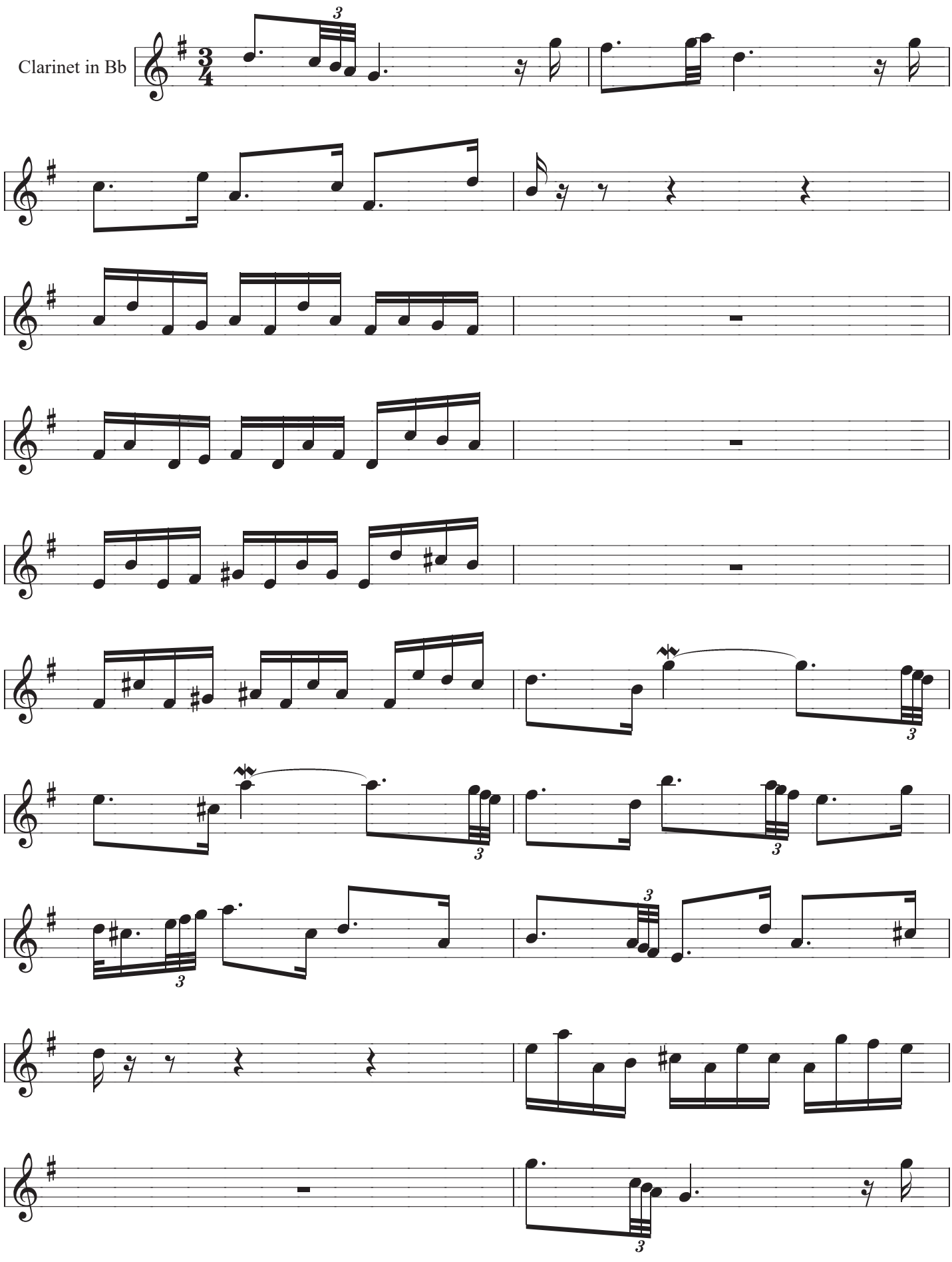
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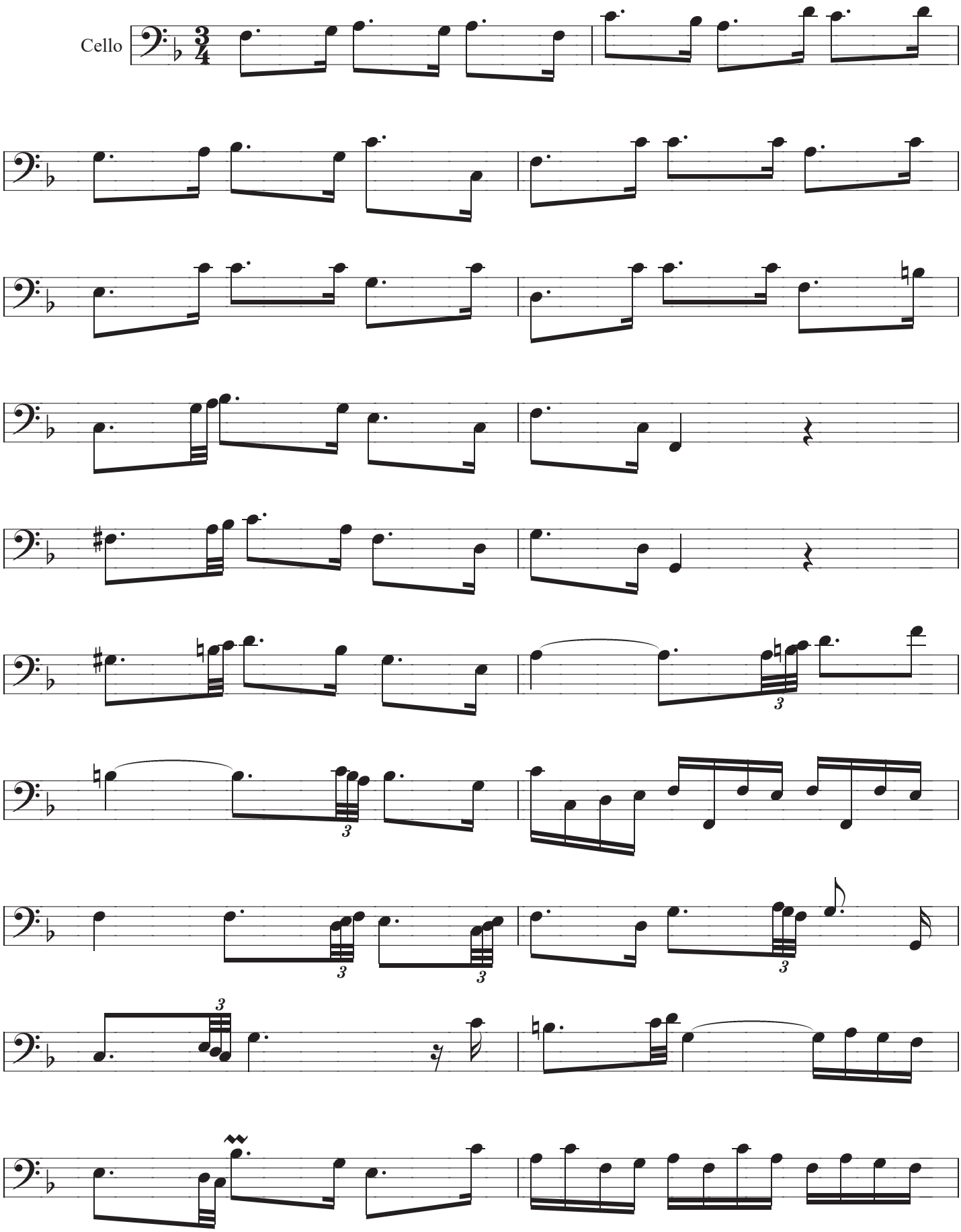
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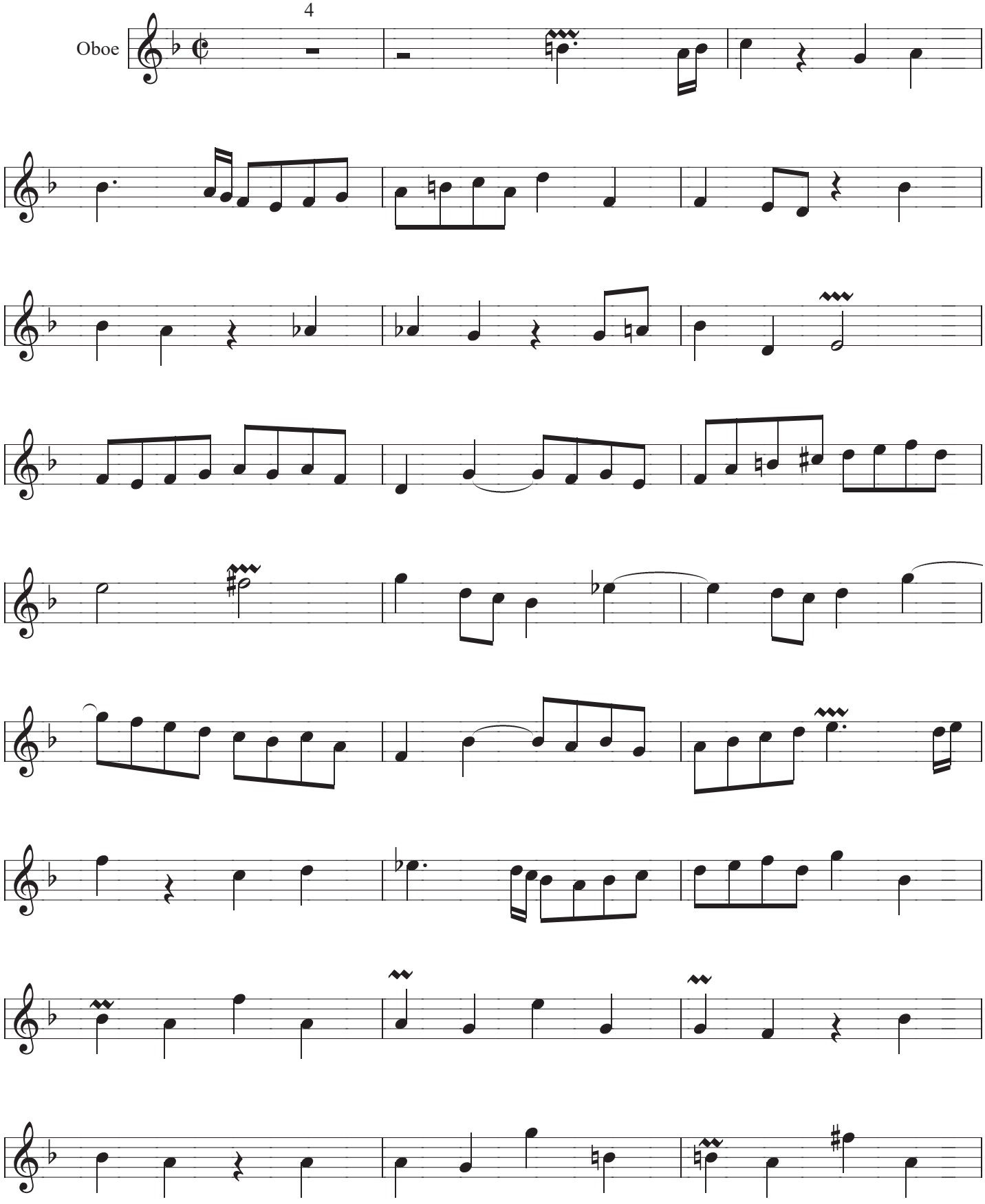
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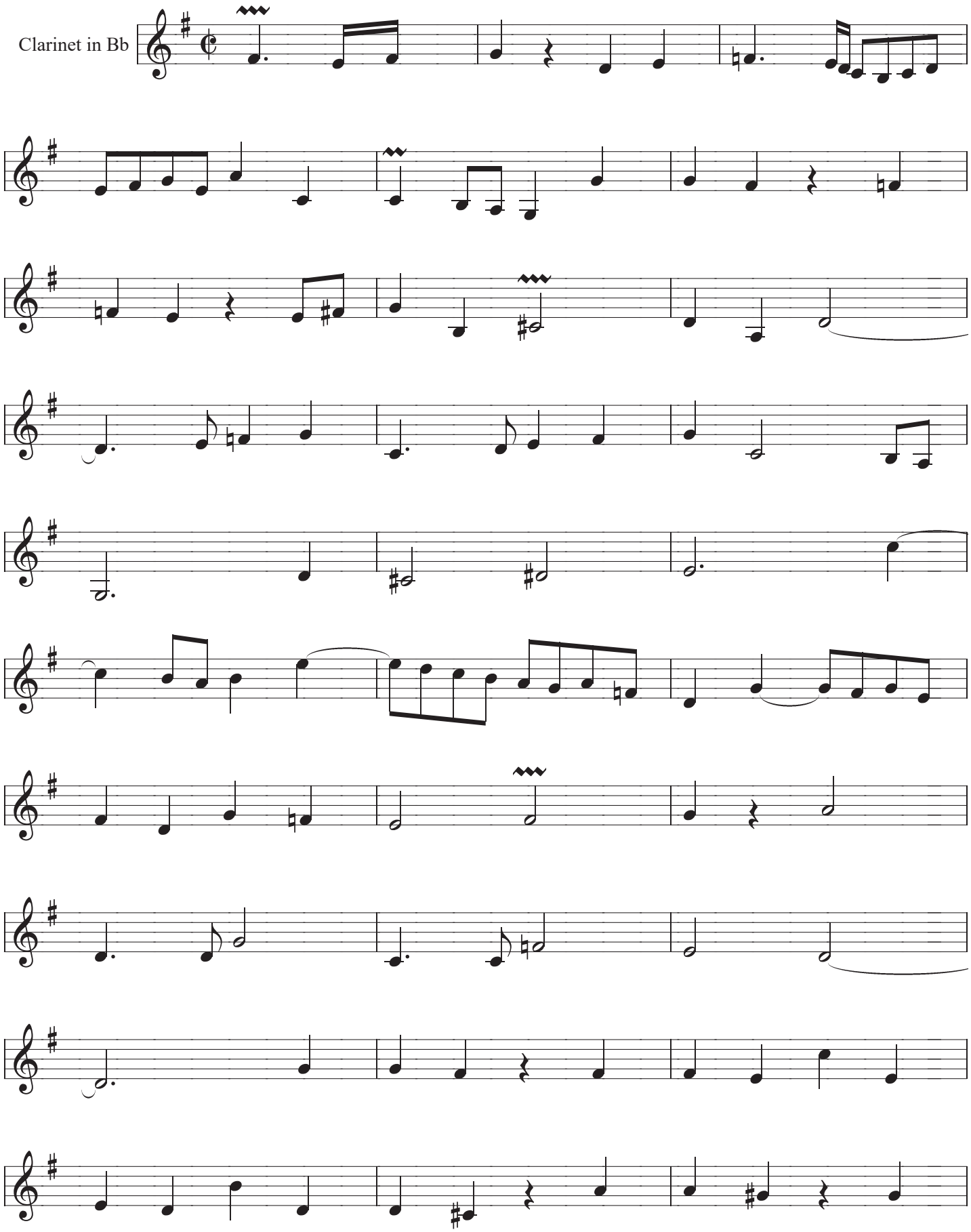
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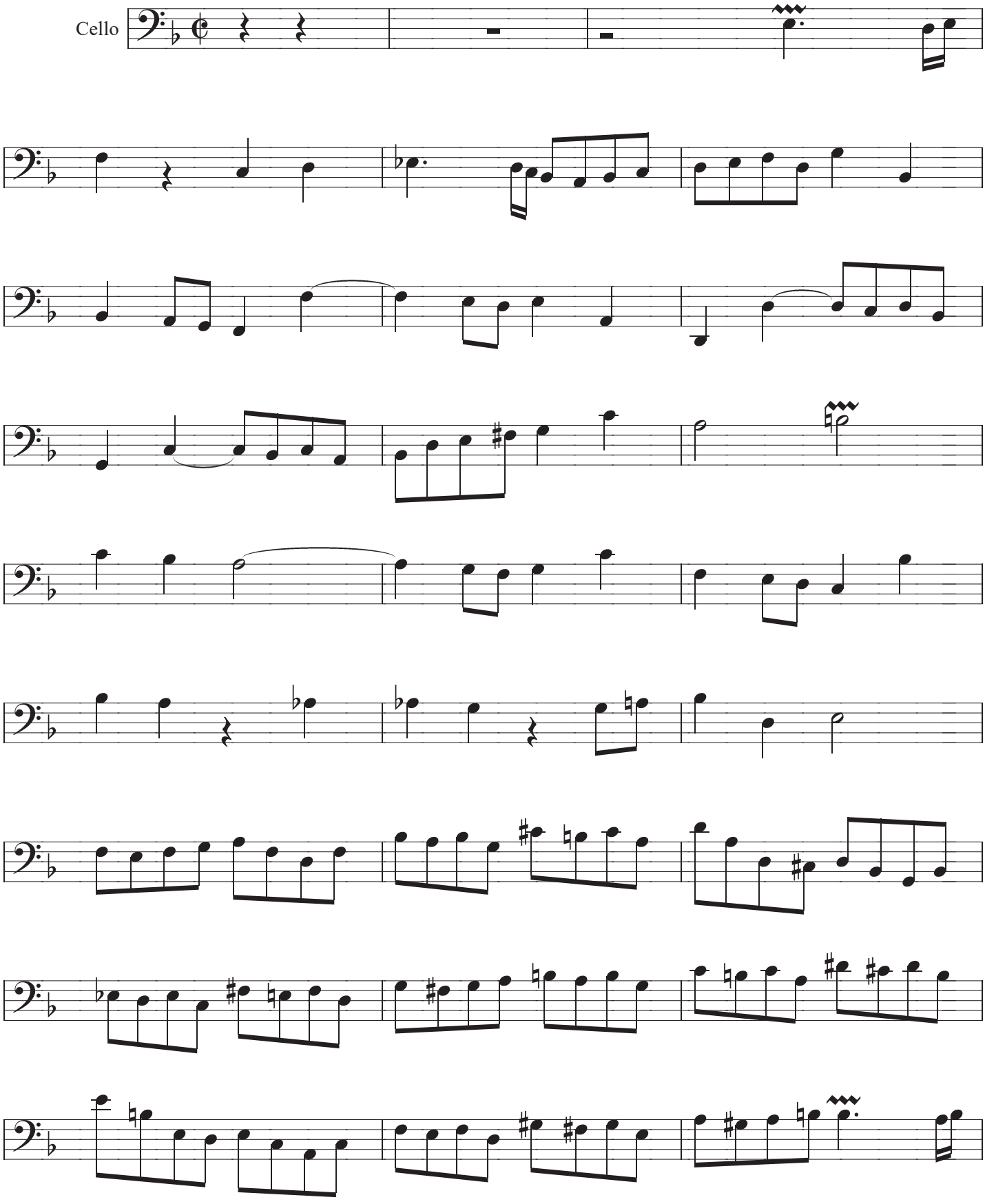
Cello

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Colors of the Well-Tempered Clavier II

Prelude & Fugue no. 14

BWV 883

for

Oboe, Viola & Bass Clarinet in Bb or Cello

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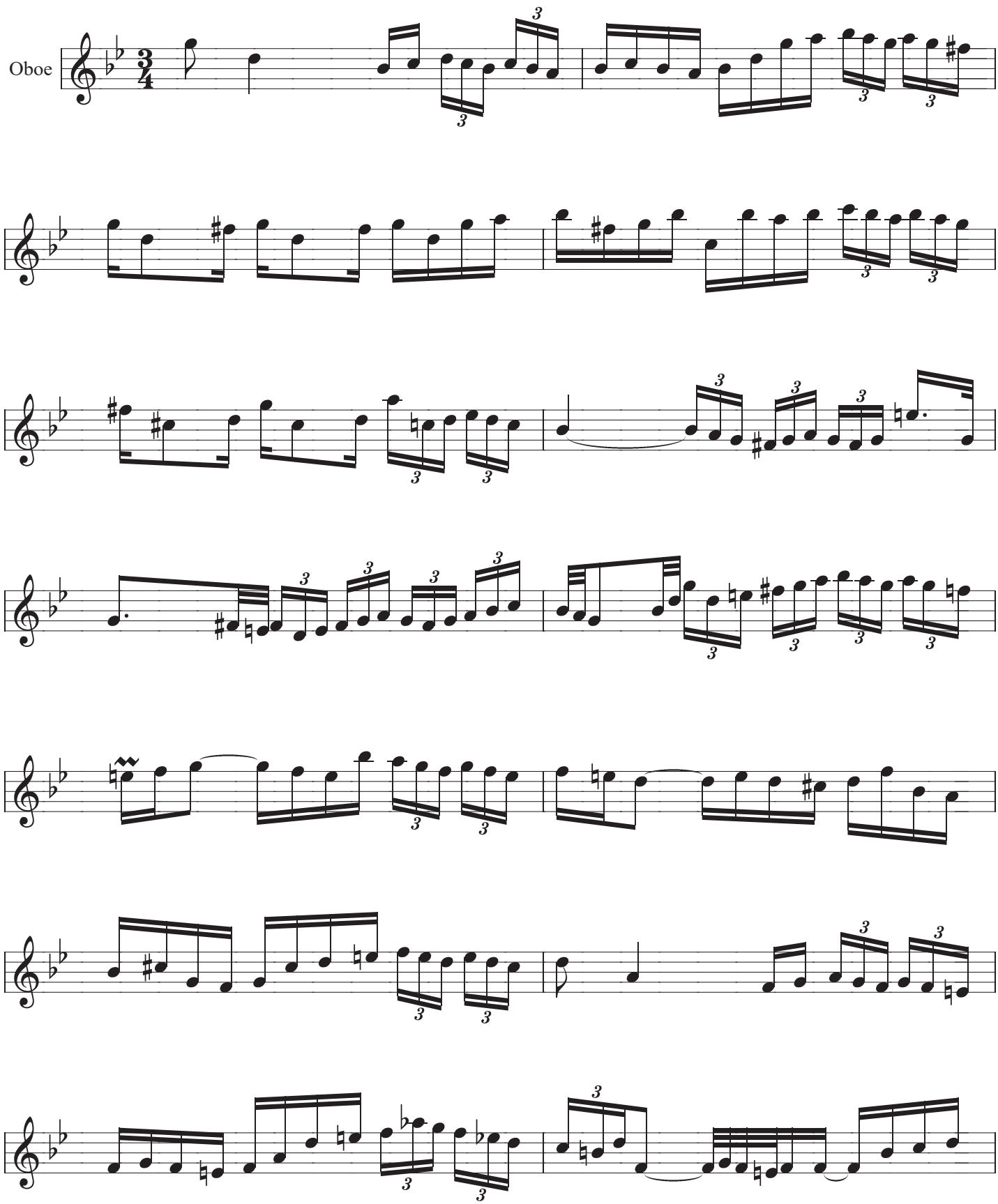
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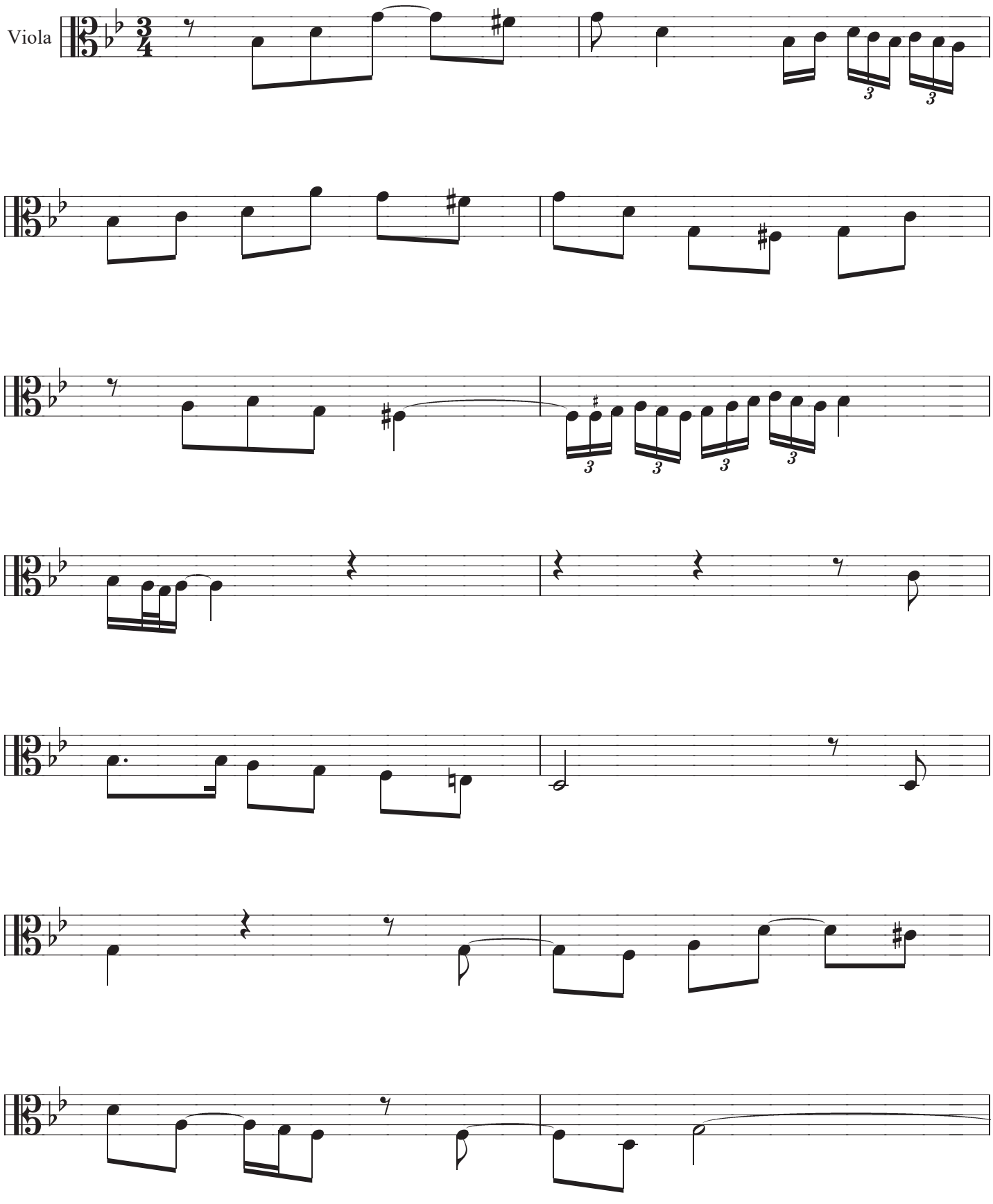
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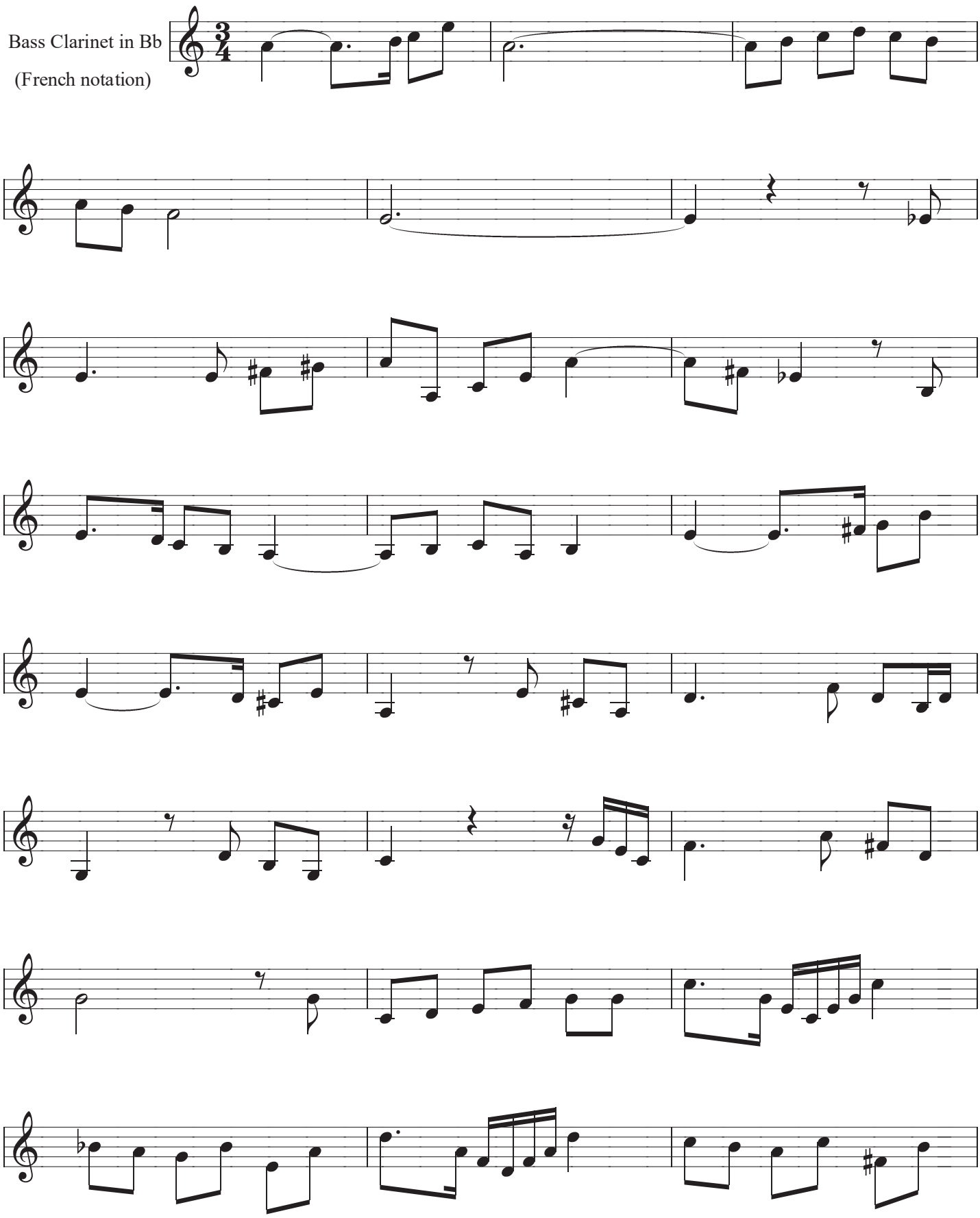
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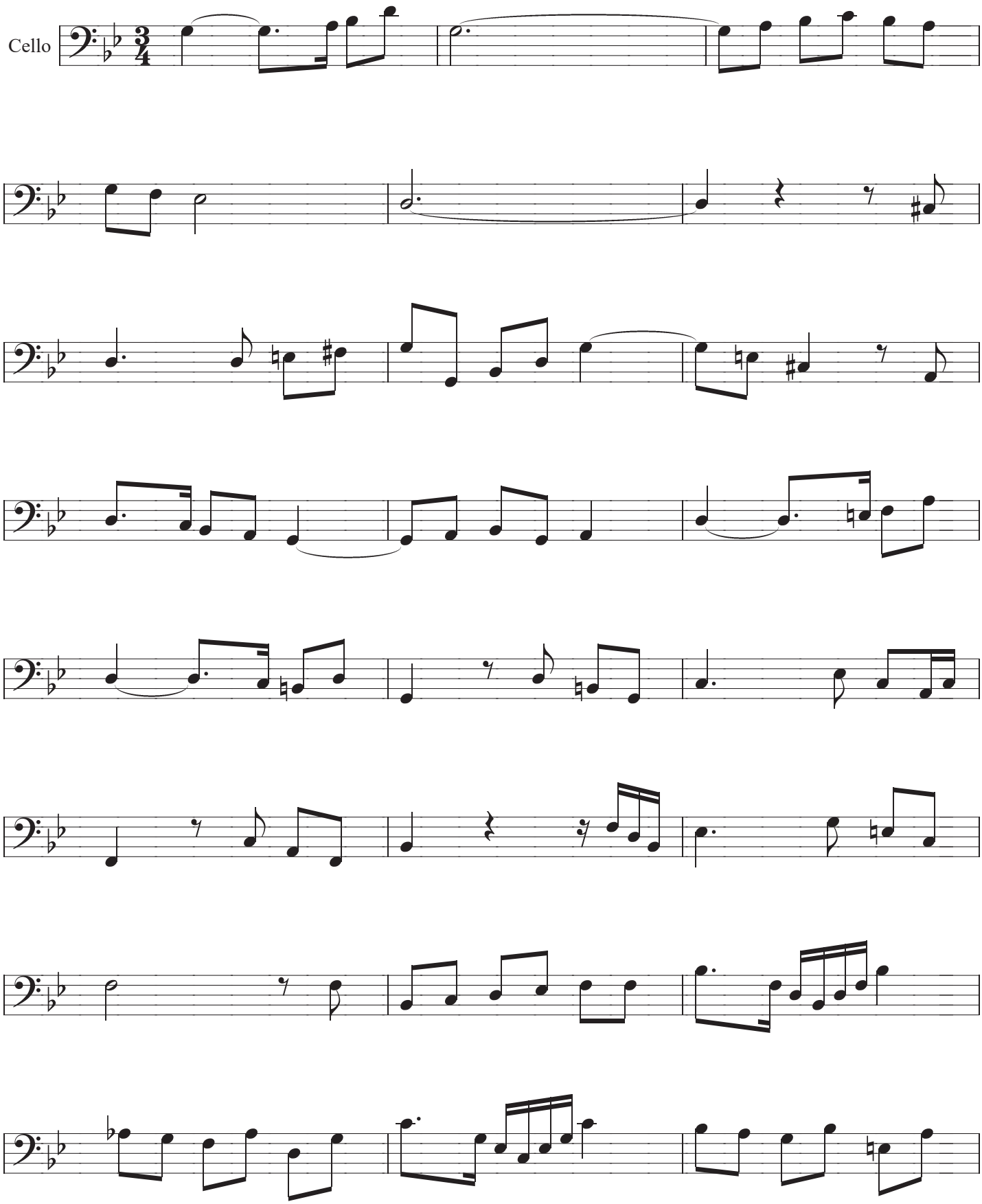
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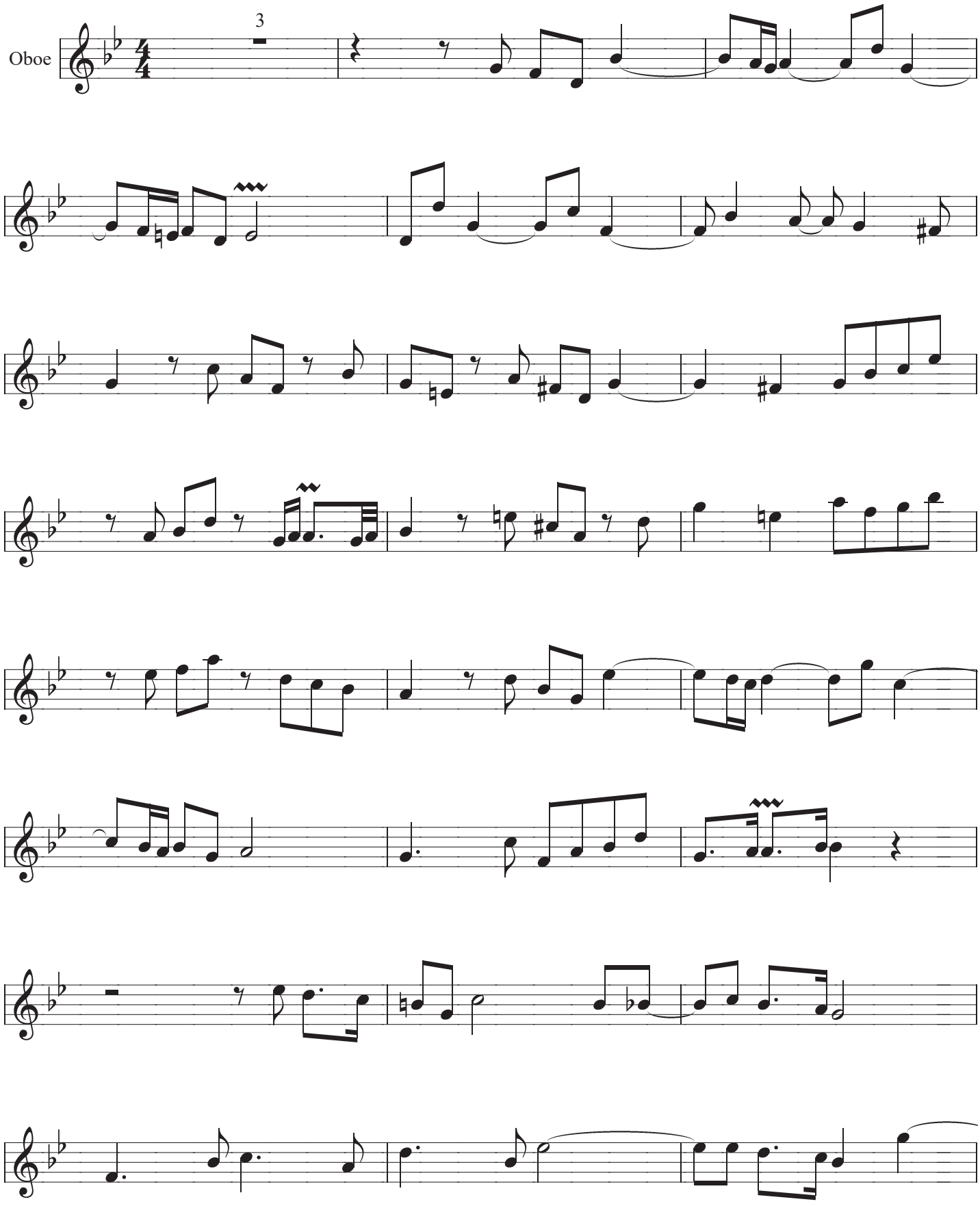
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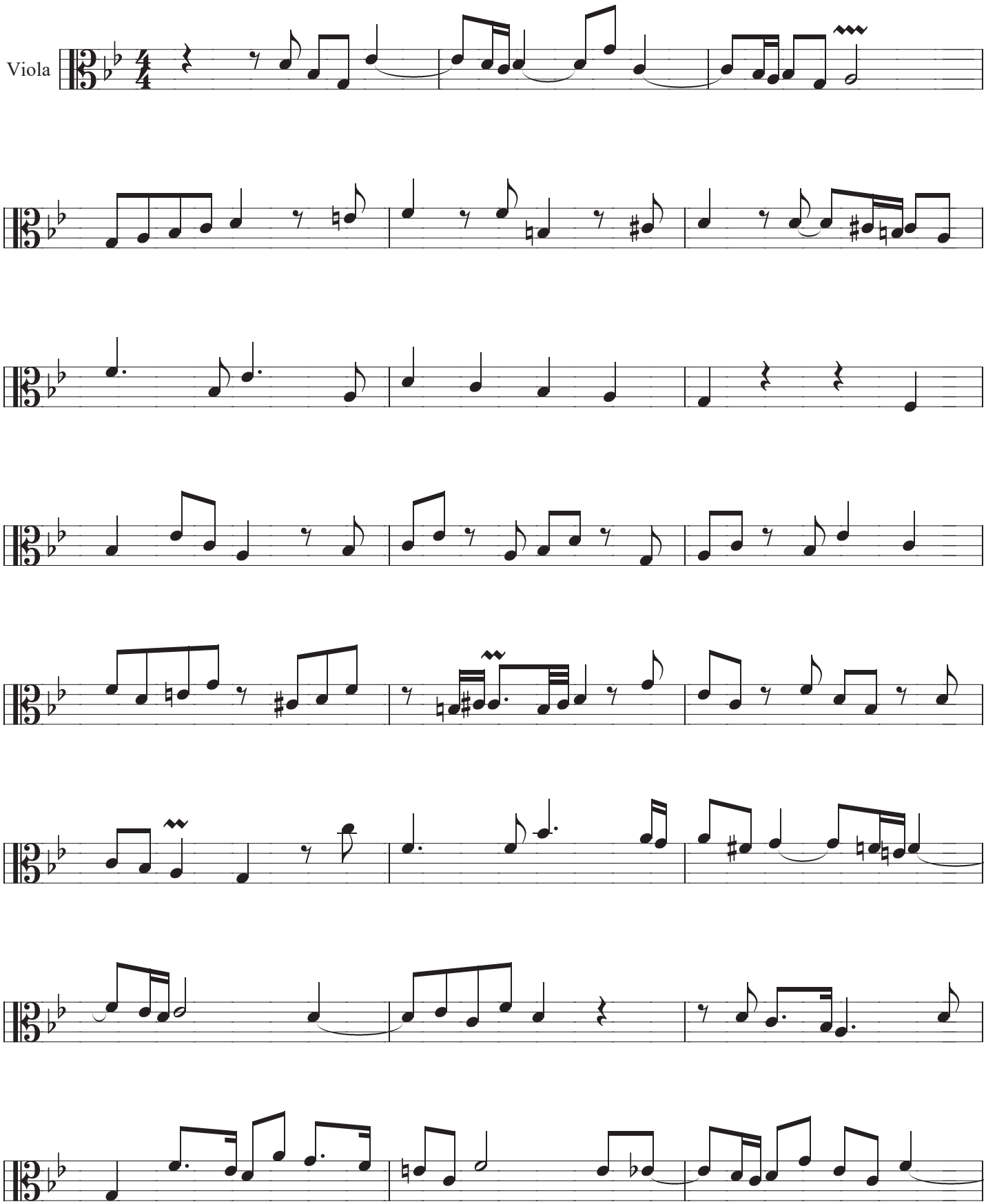
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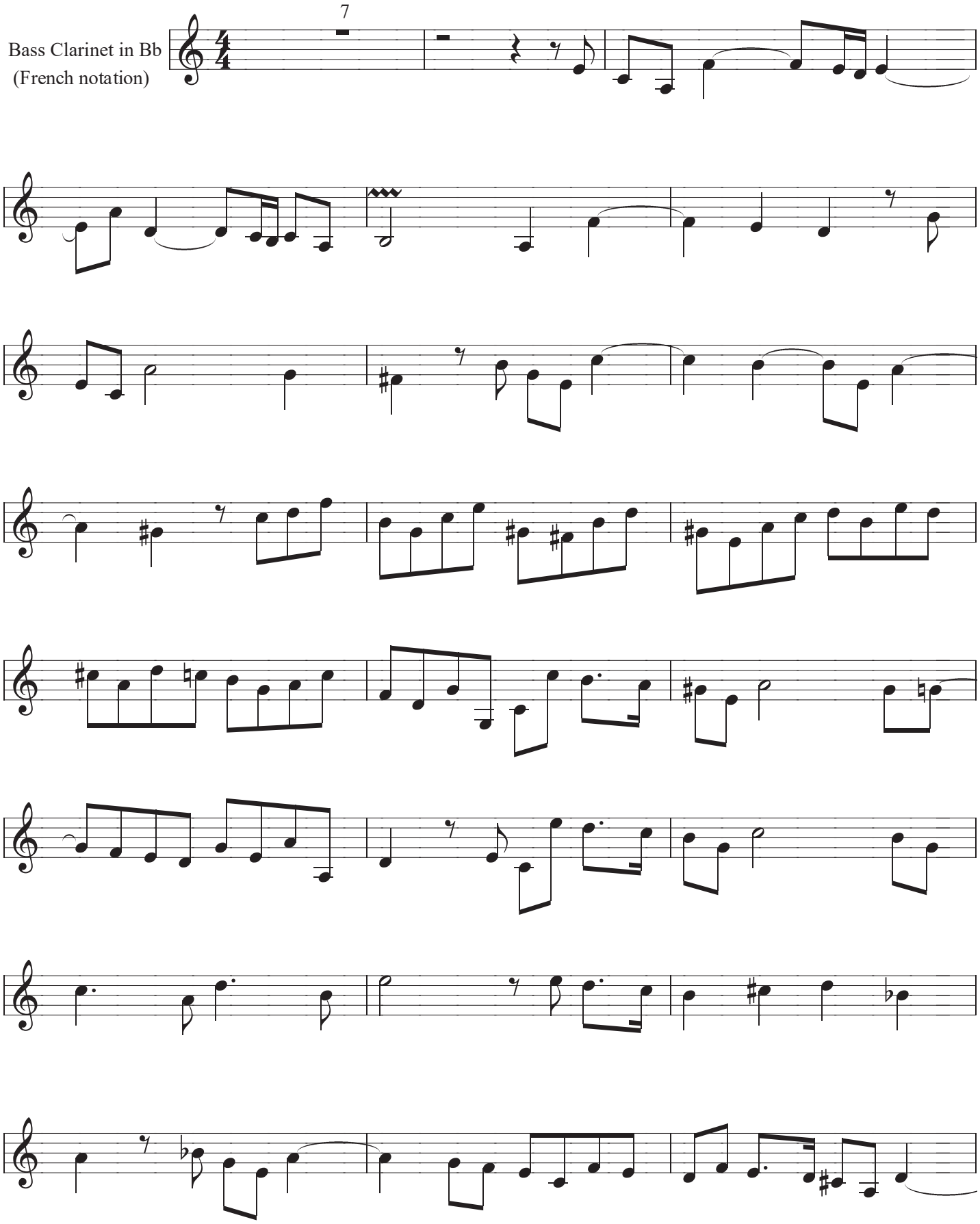
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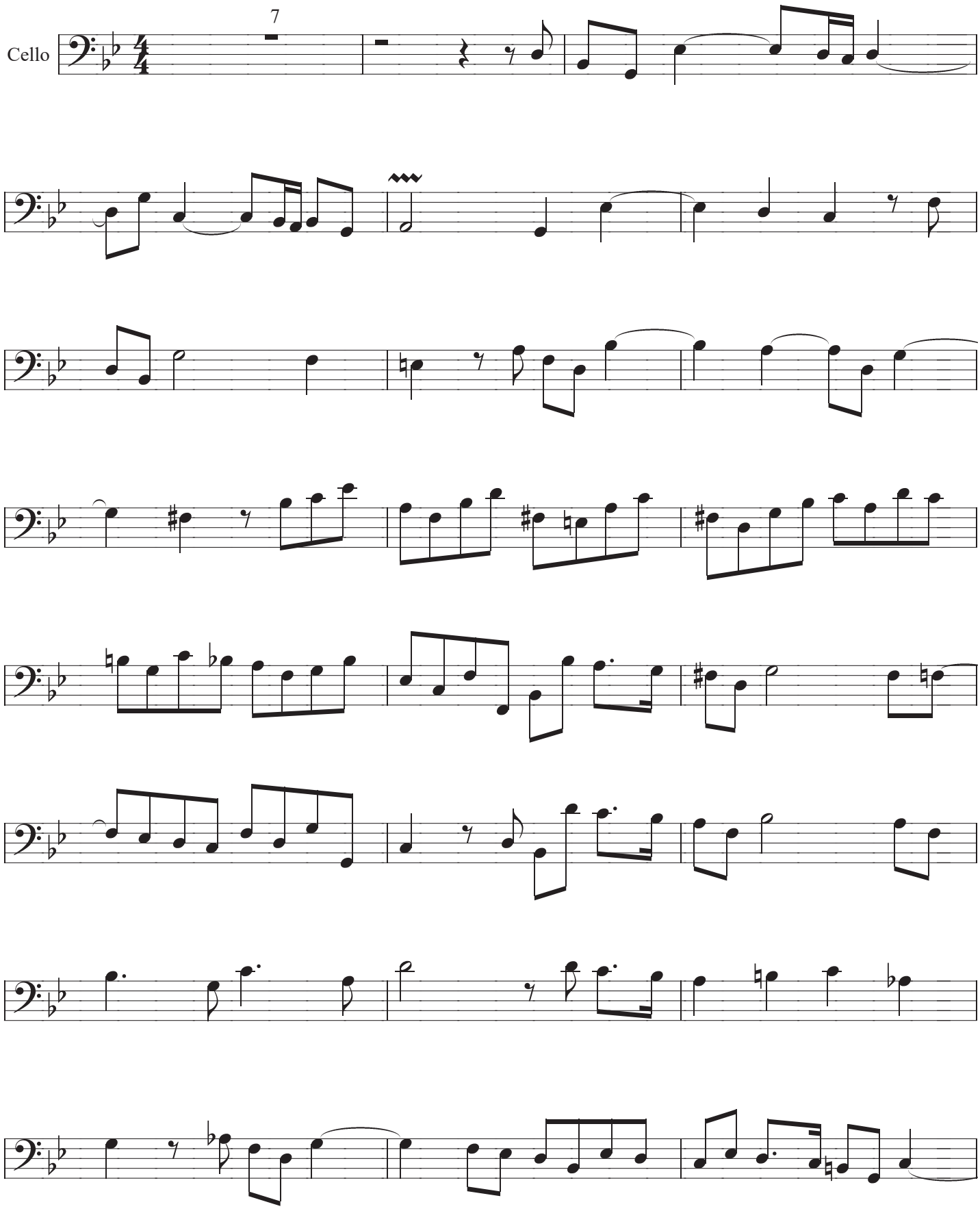
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Cello

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Colors of the Well-Tempered Clavier II

Prelude & Fugue no. 15

BWV 884

for

Violin & Harpsichord or Organ

(2 manuals)

Revision : Jan Leontsky

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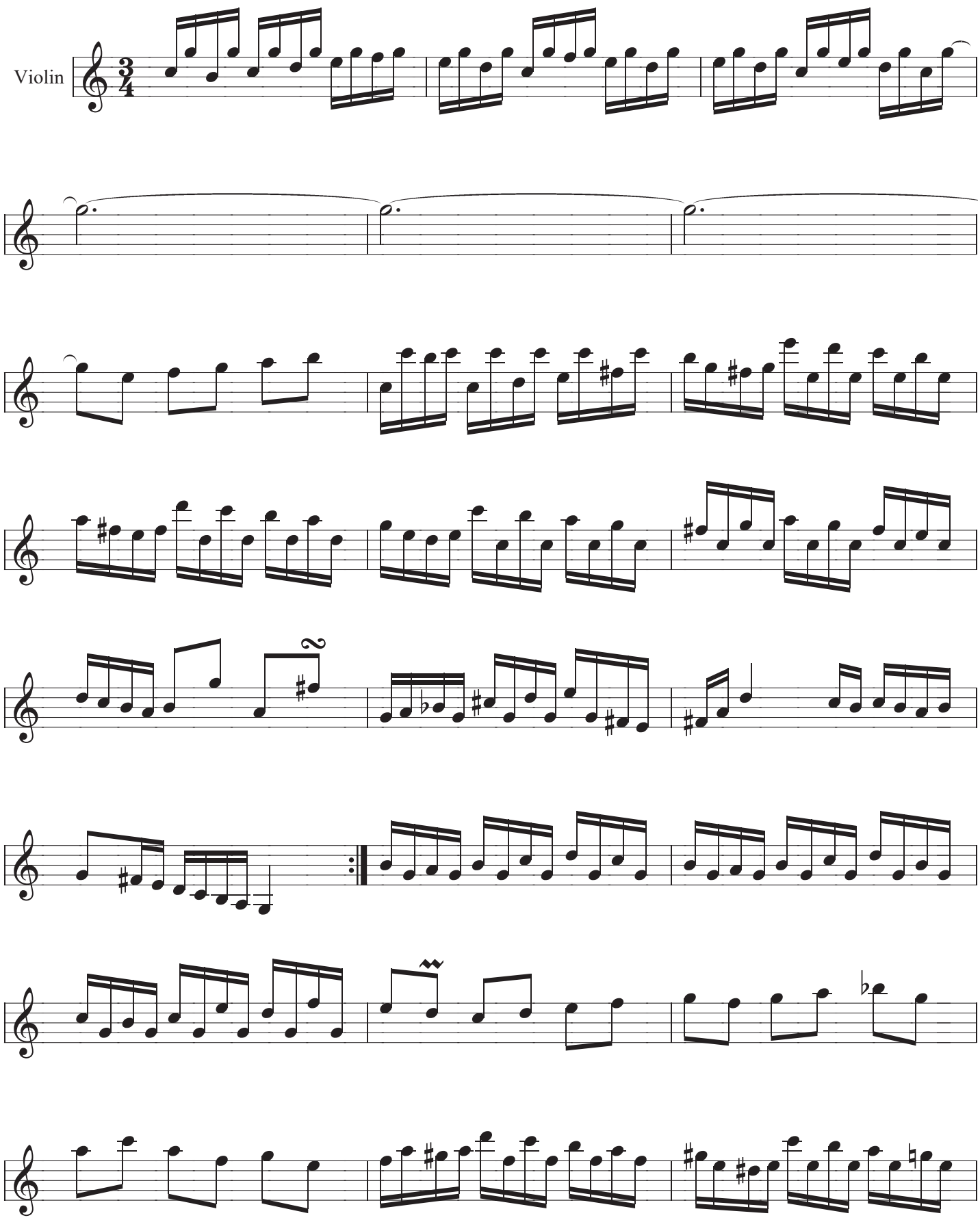
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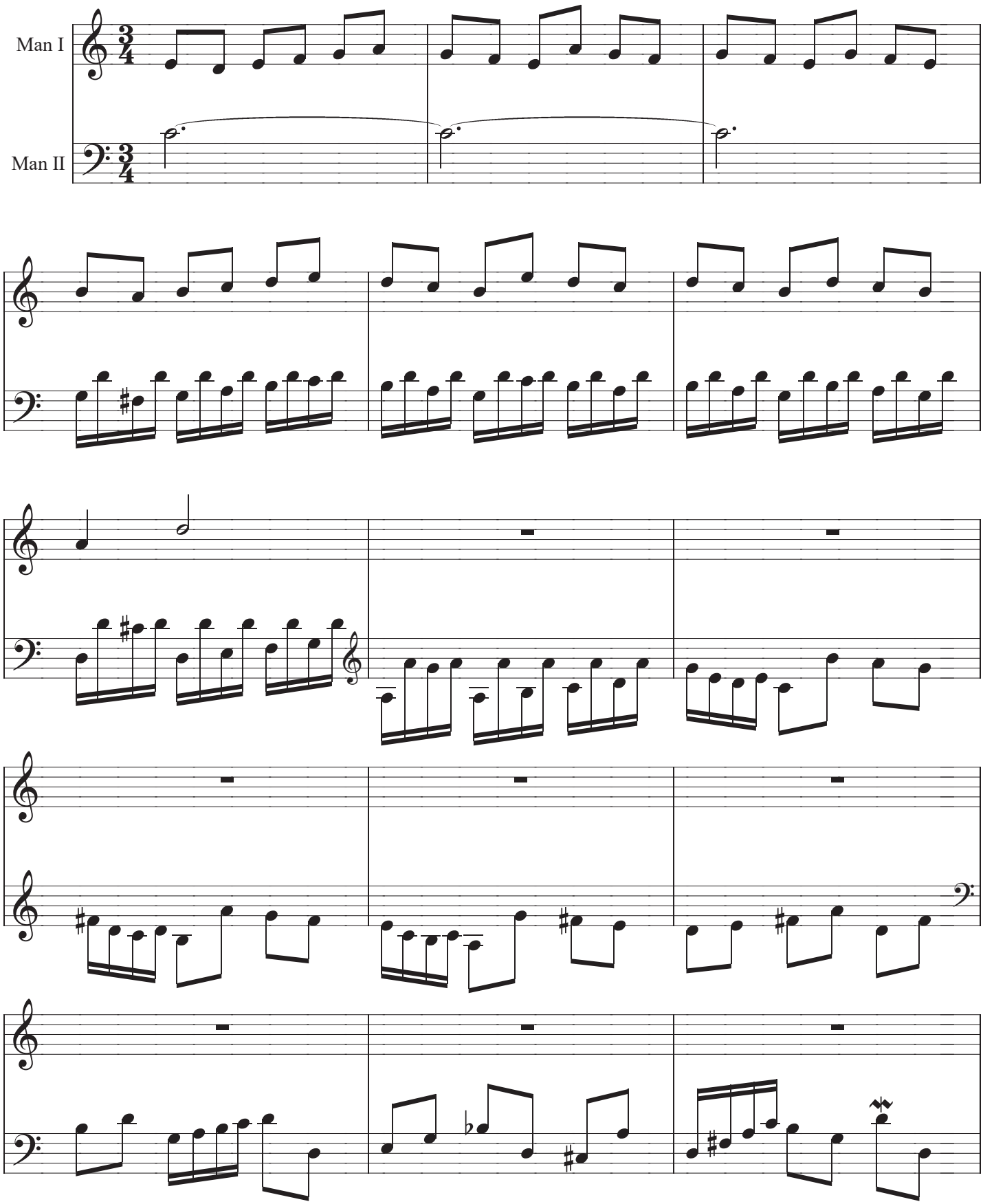
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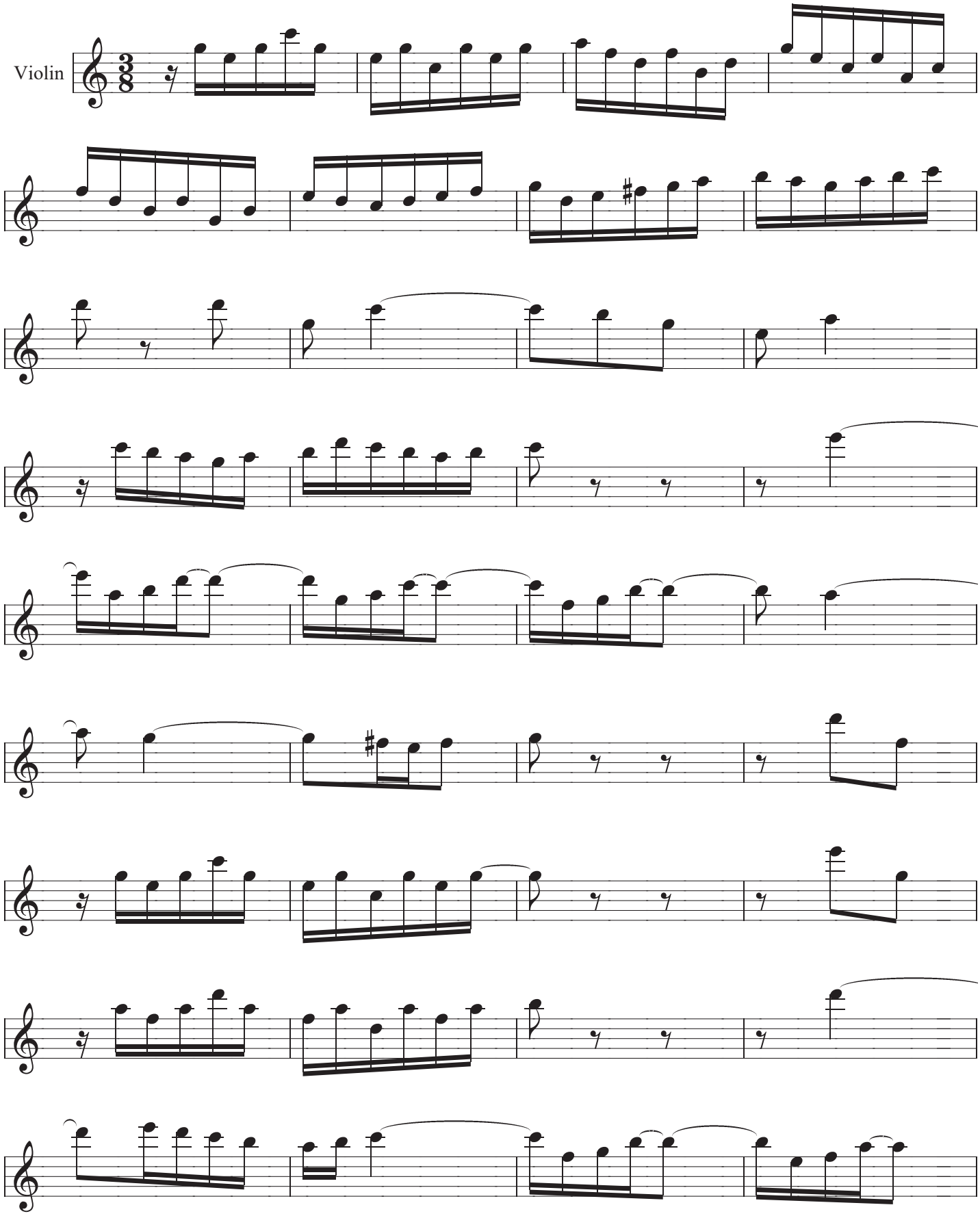
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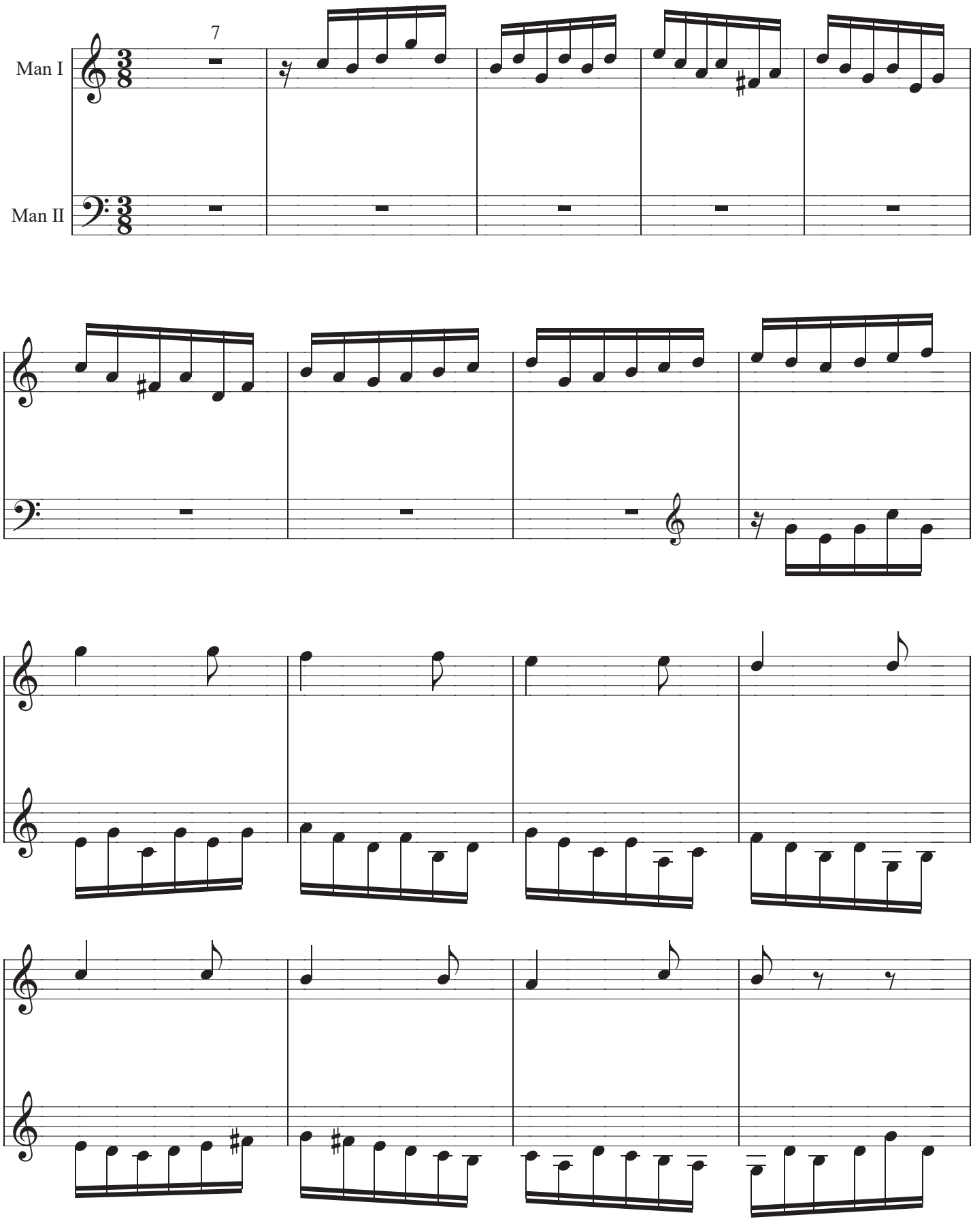
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Colors of the Well-Tempered Clavier II

Prelude & Fugue no. 16

BWV 885

for

Concert Flute, Clarinet in Bb, Viola & Bassoon

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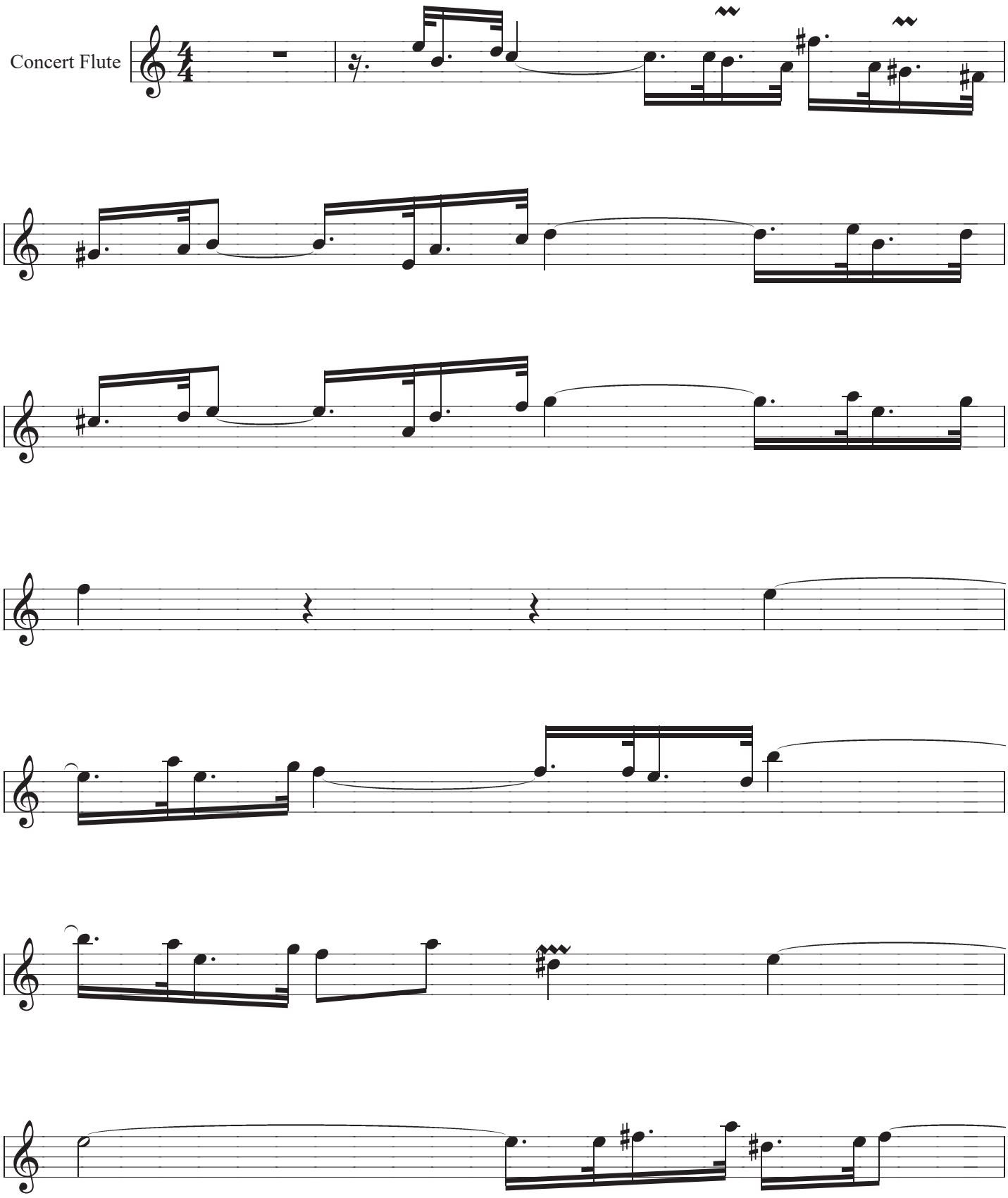
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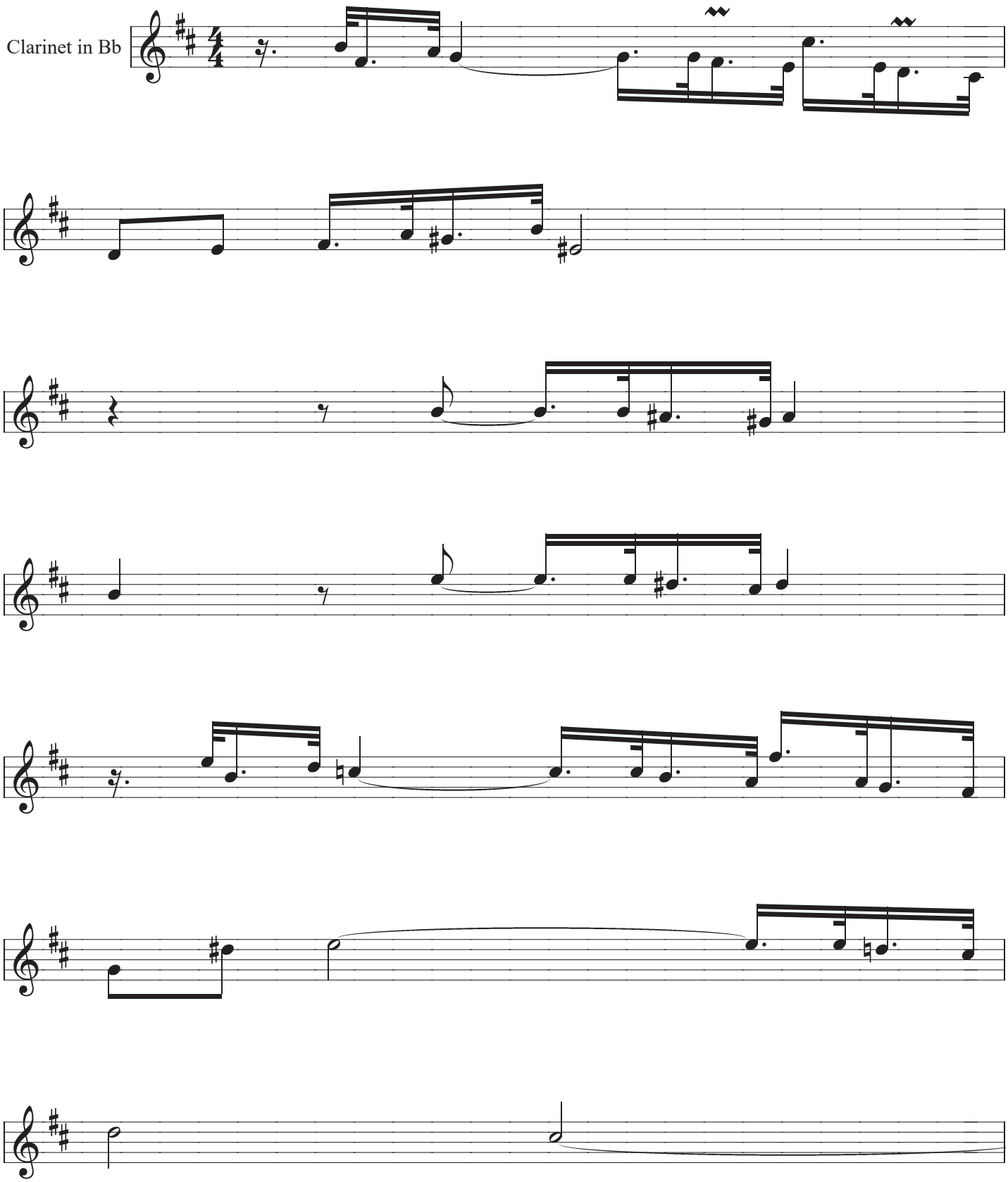
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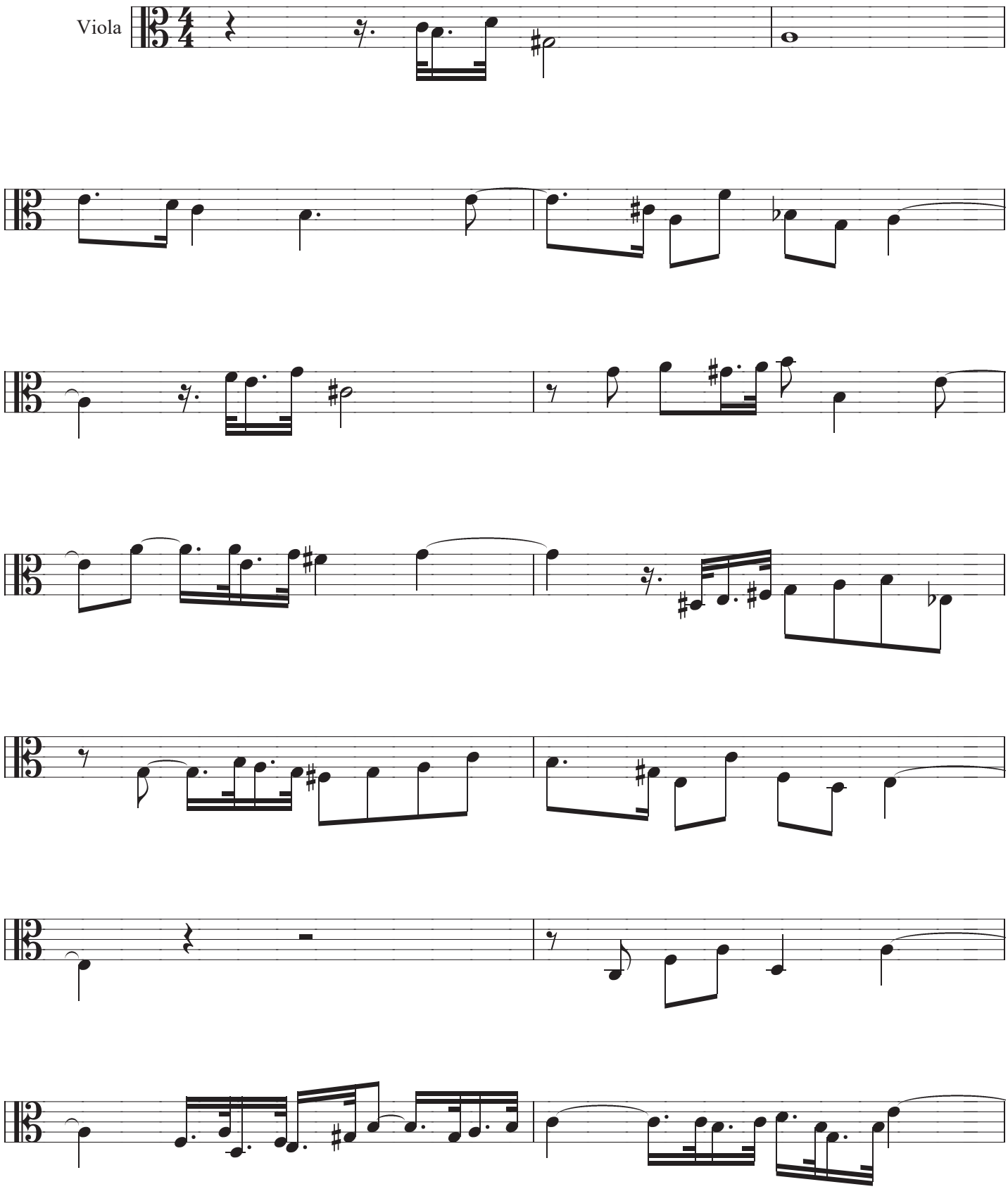
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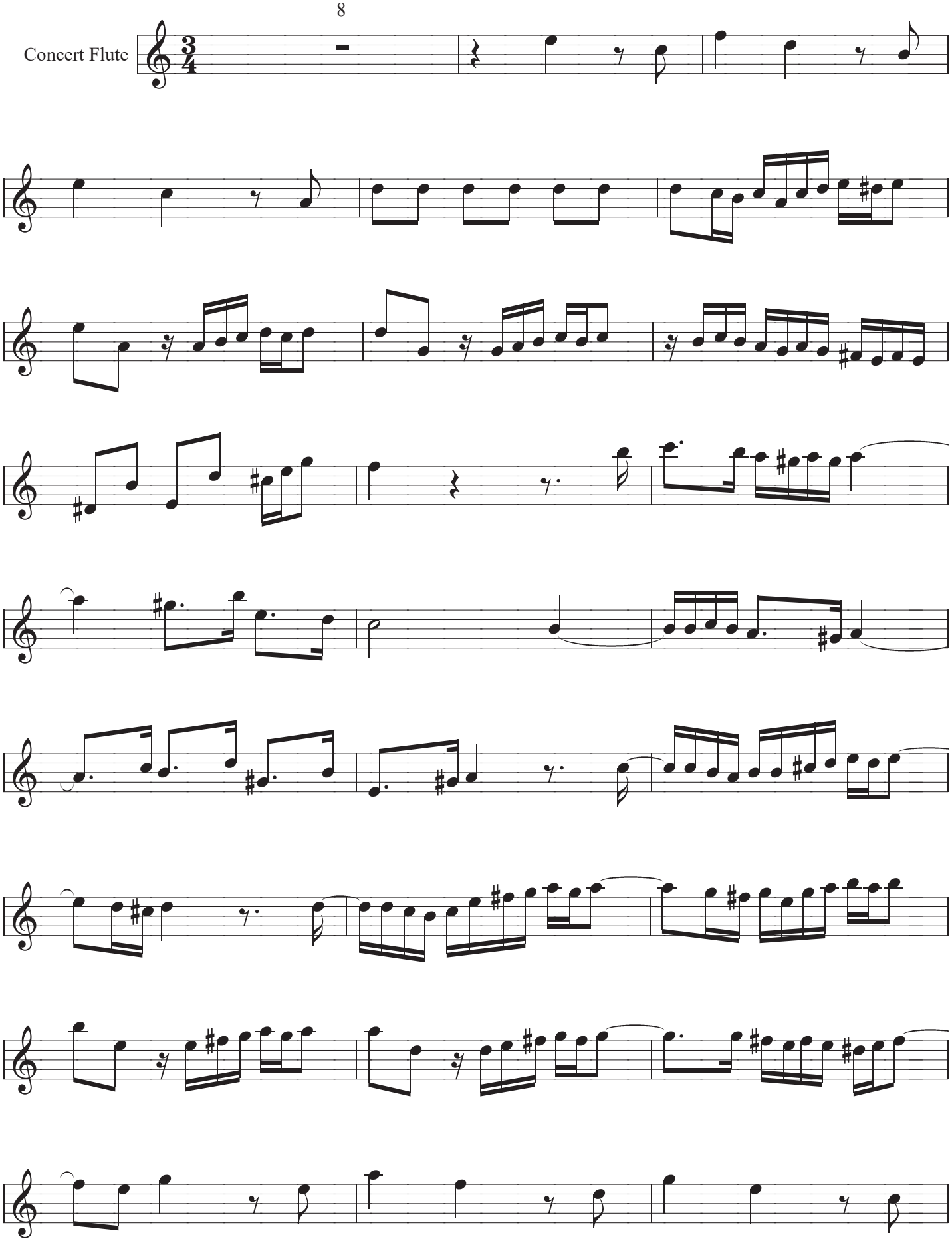
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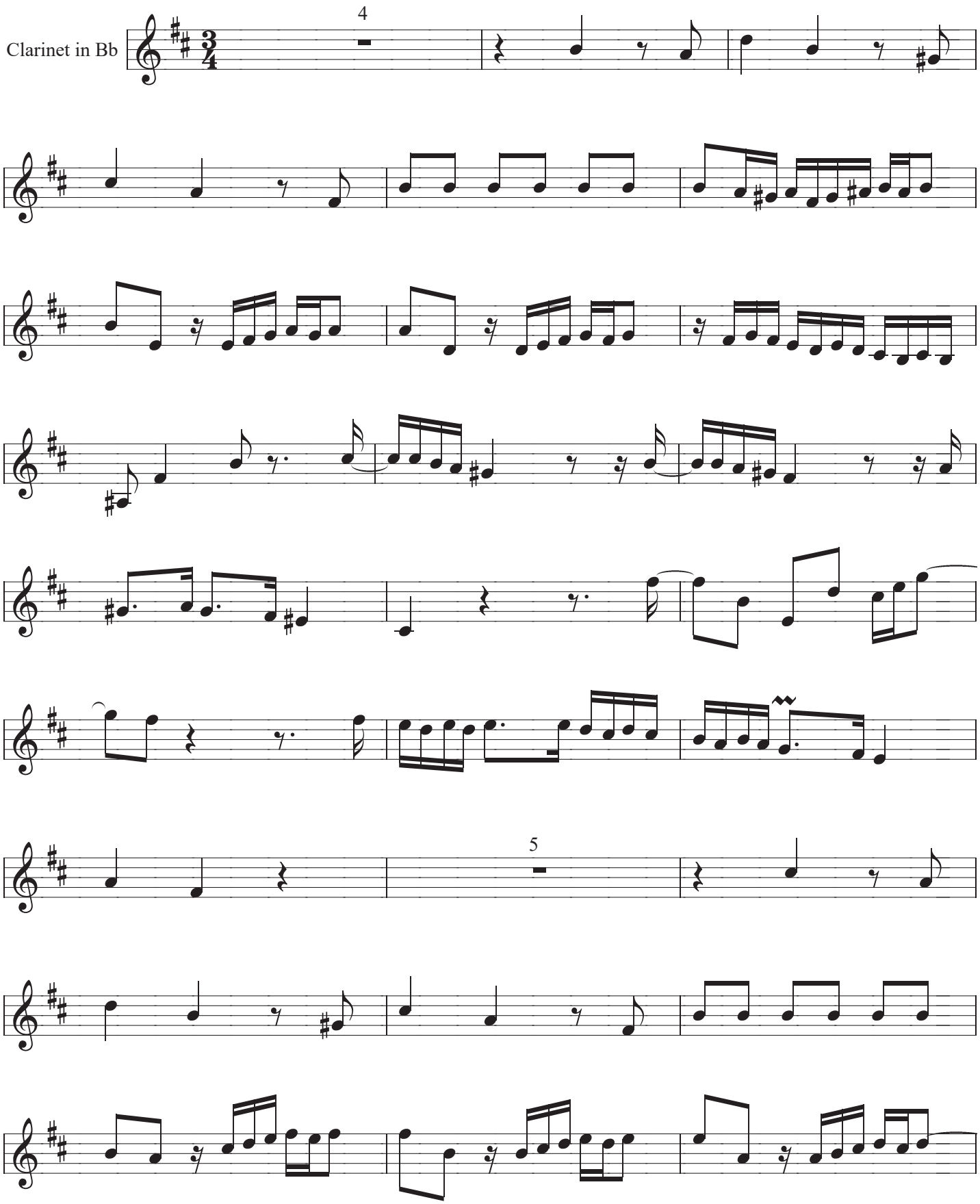
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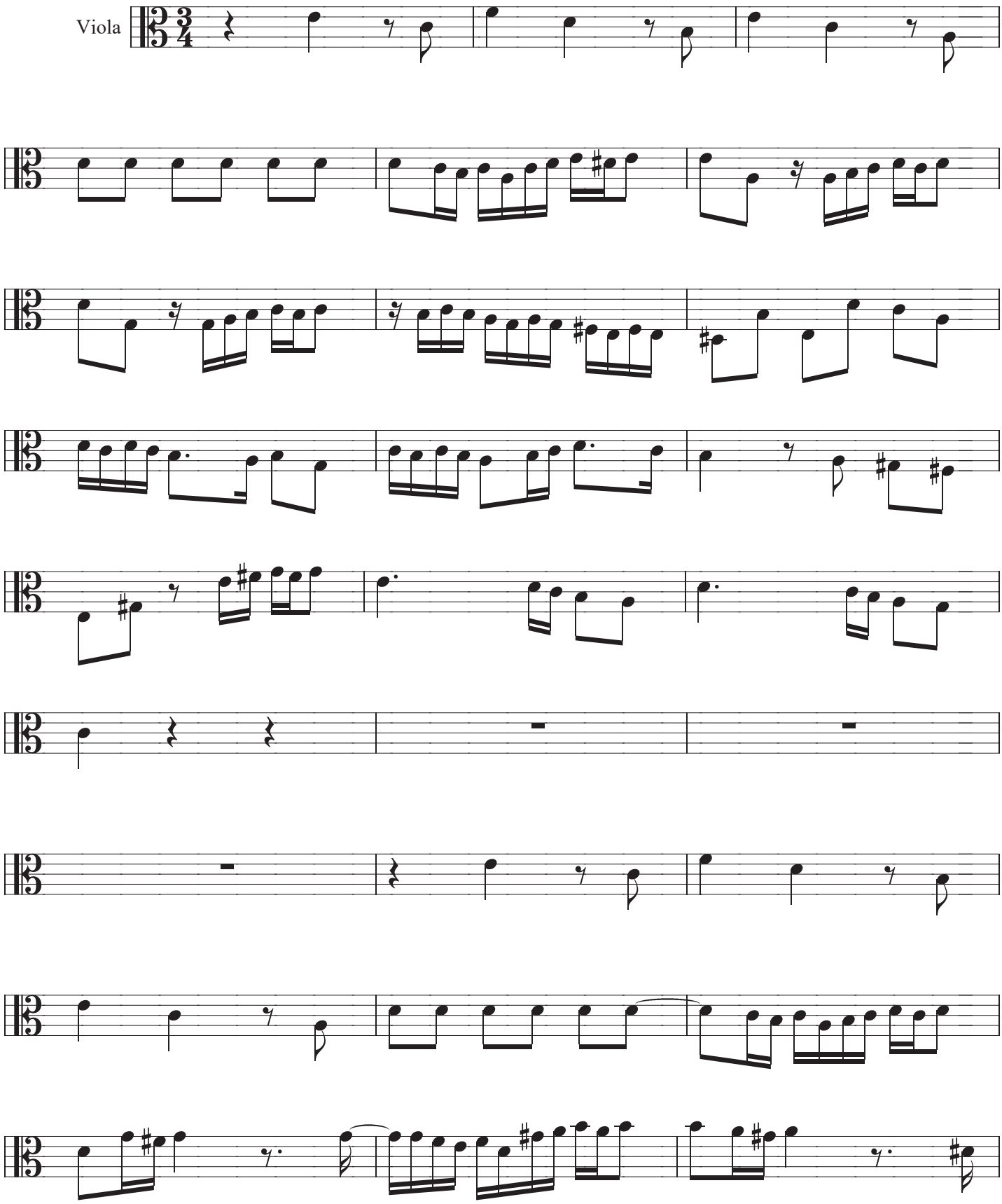
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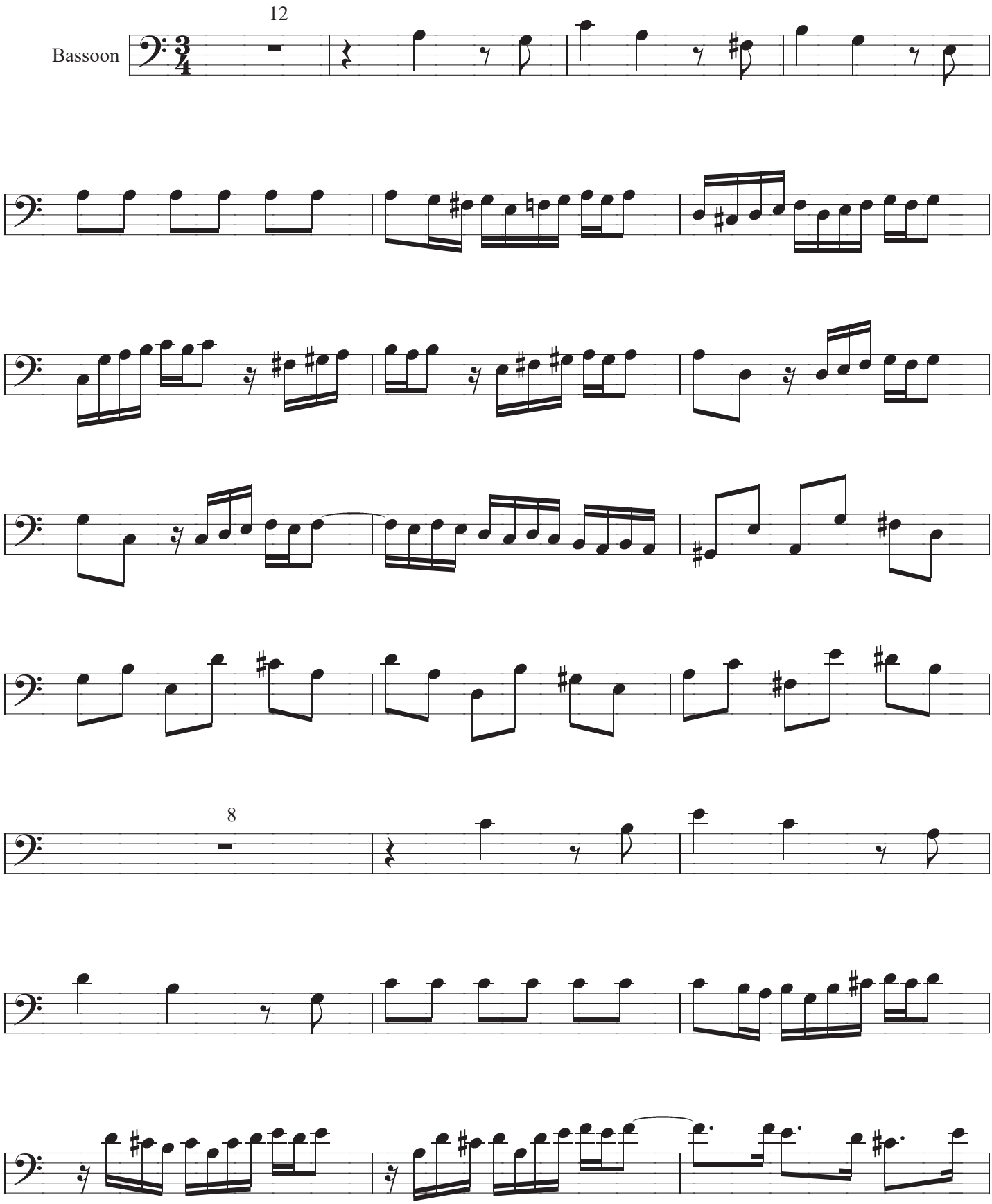
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Colors of the Well-Tempered Clavier II

Prelude & Fugue no. 17

BWV 886

for

Violin, English Horn in F,

French Horn in F & Cello

Revision : Jan Leontsky

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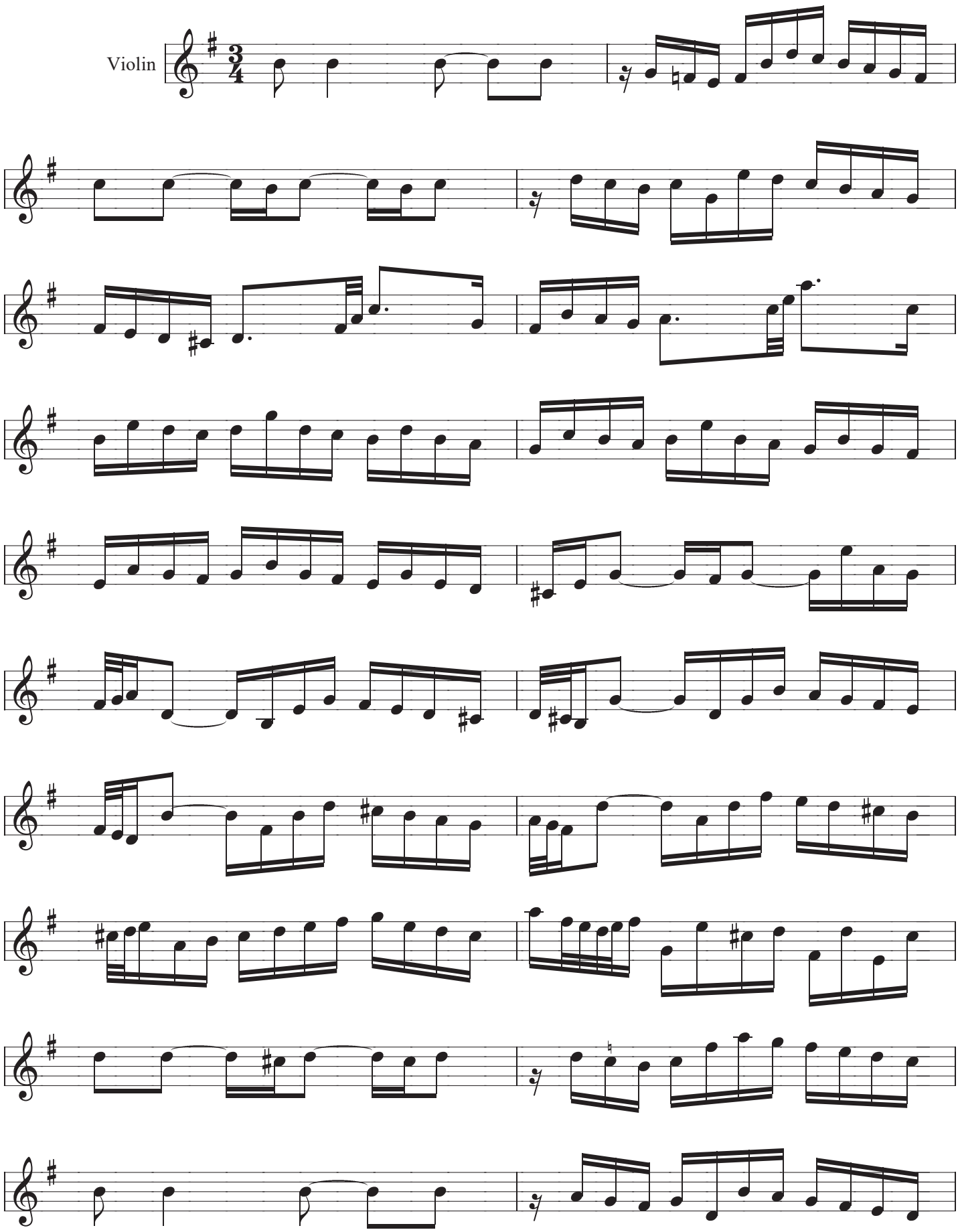
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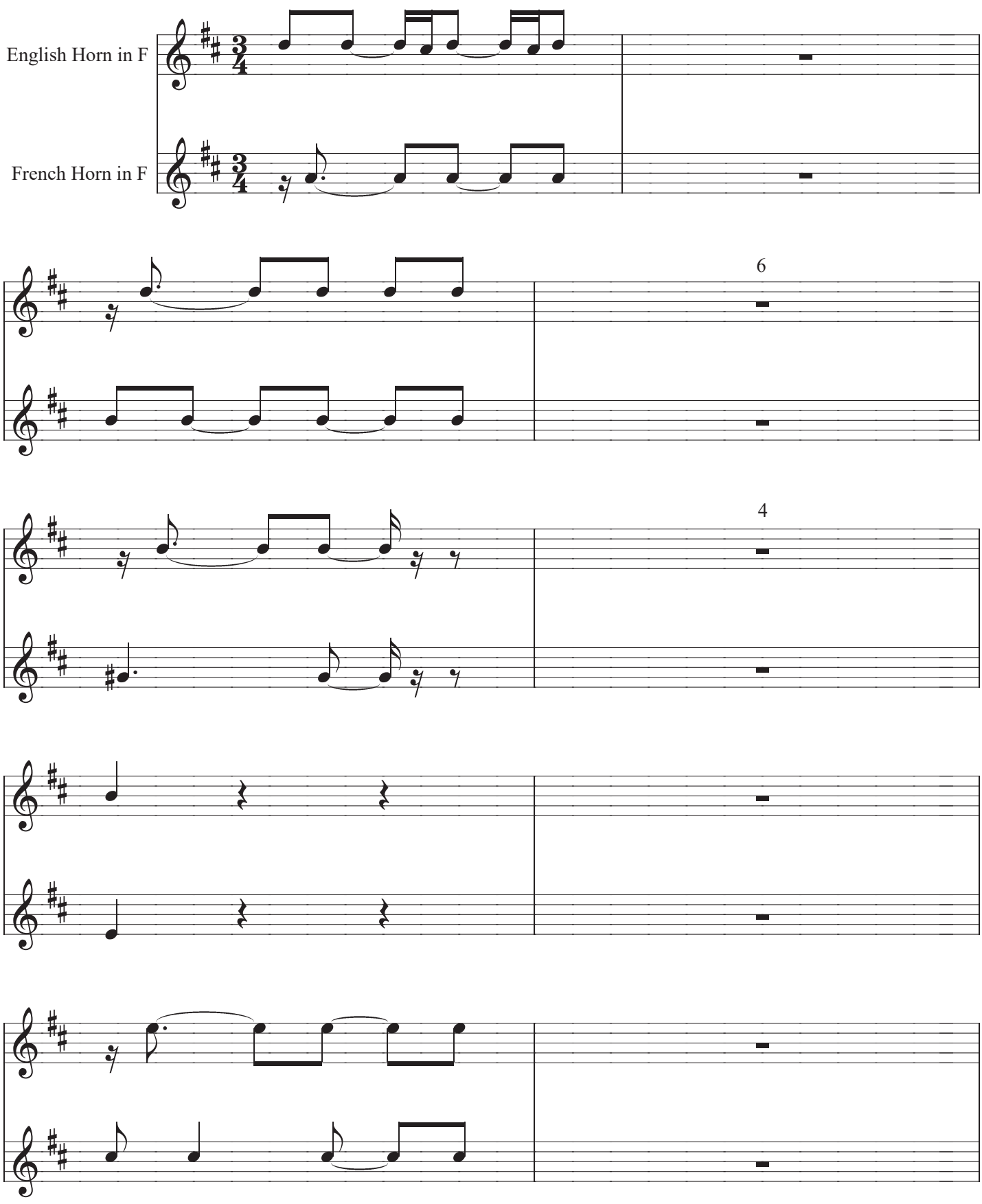
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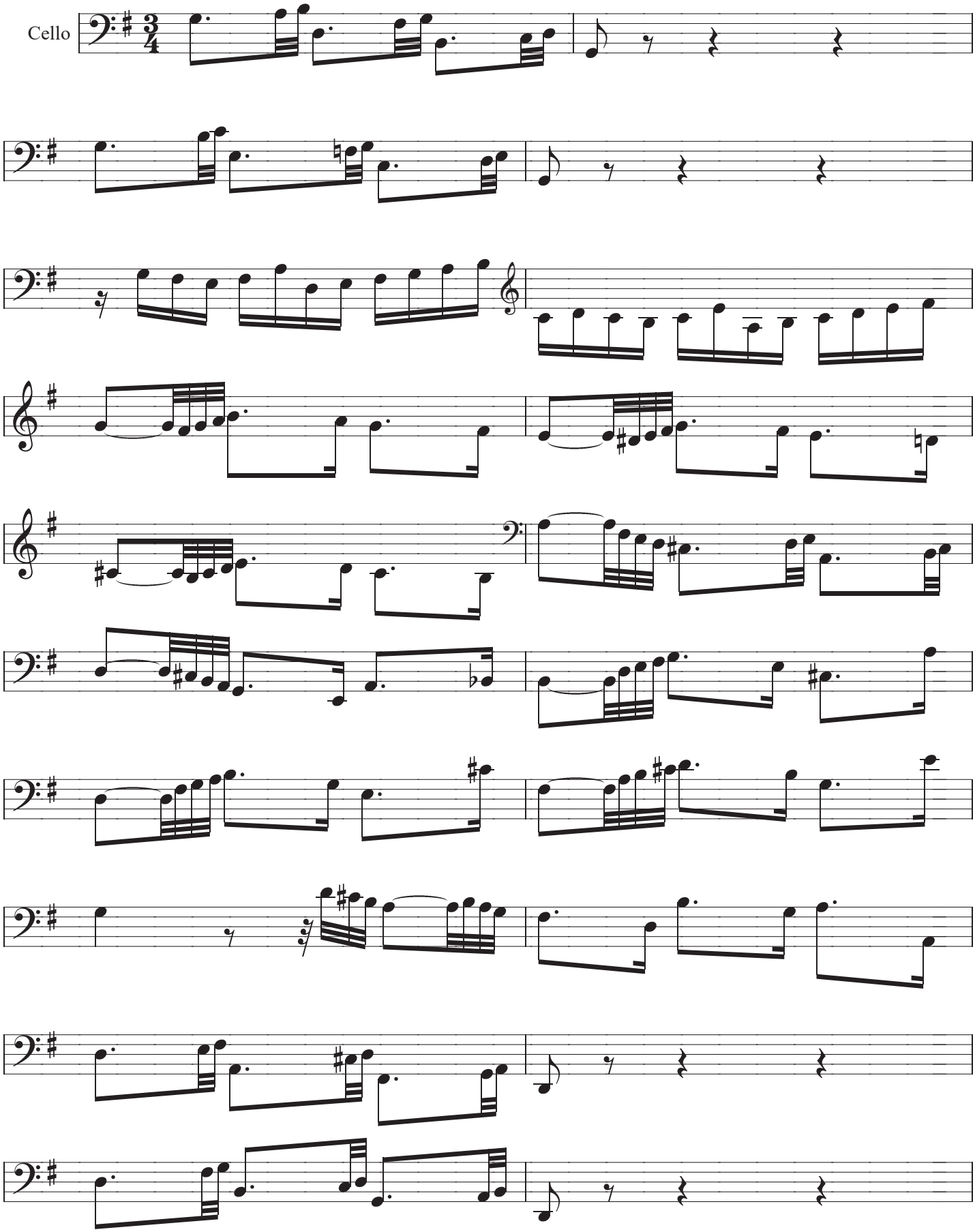
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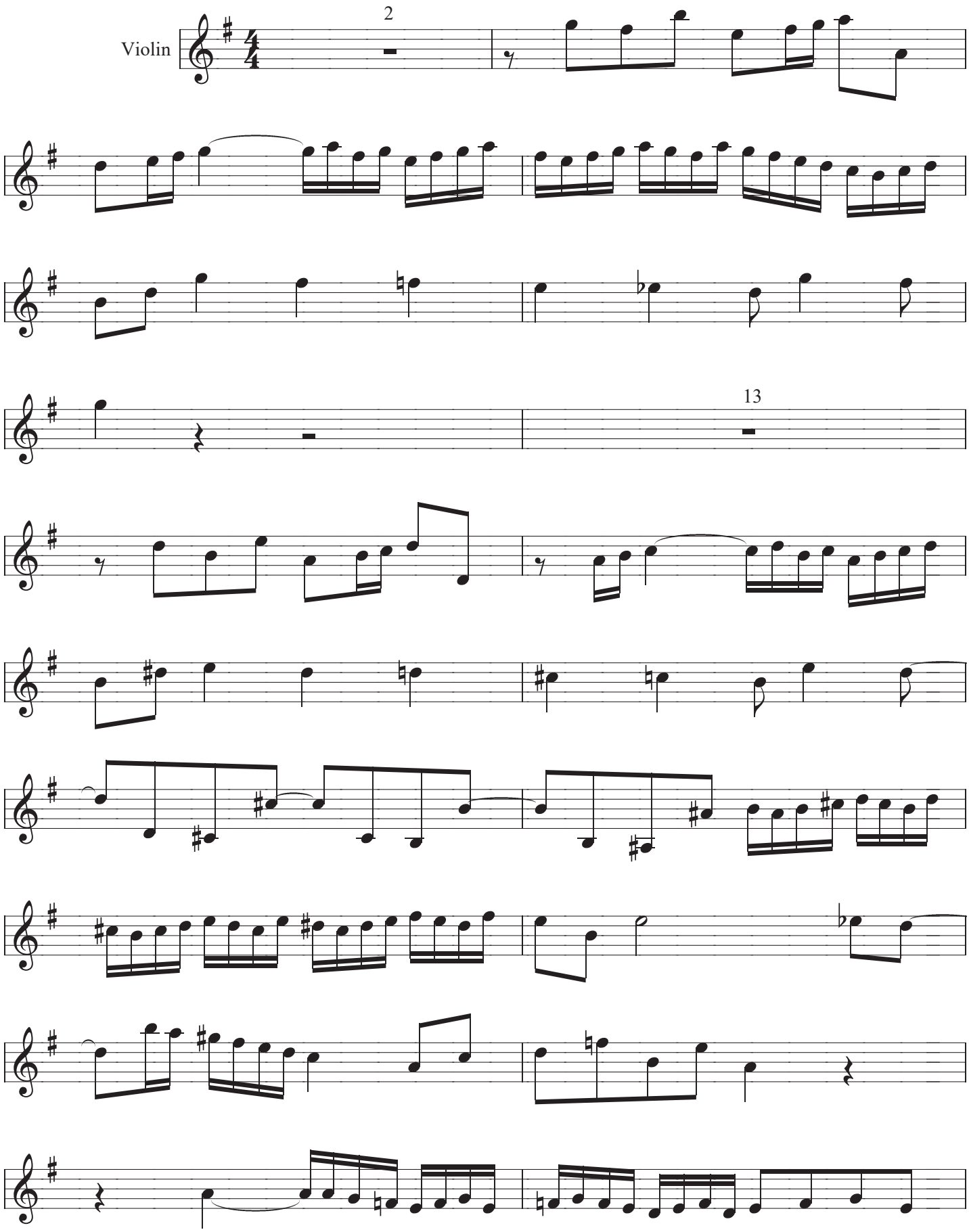
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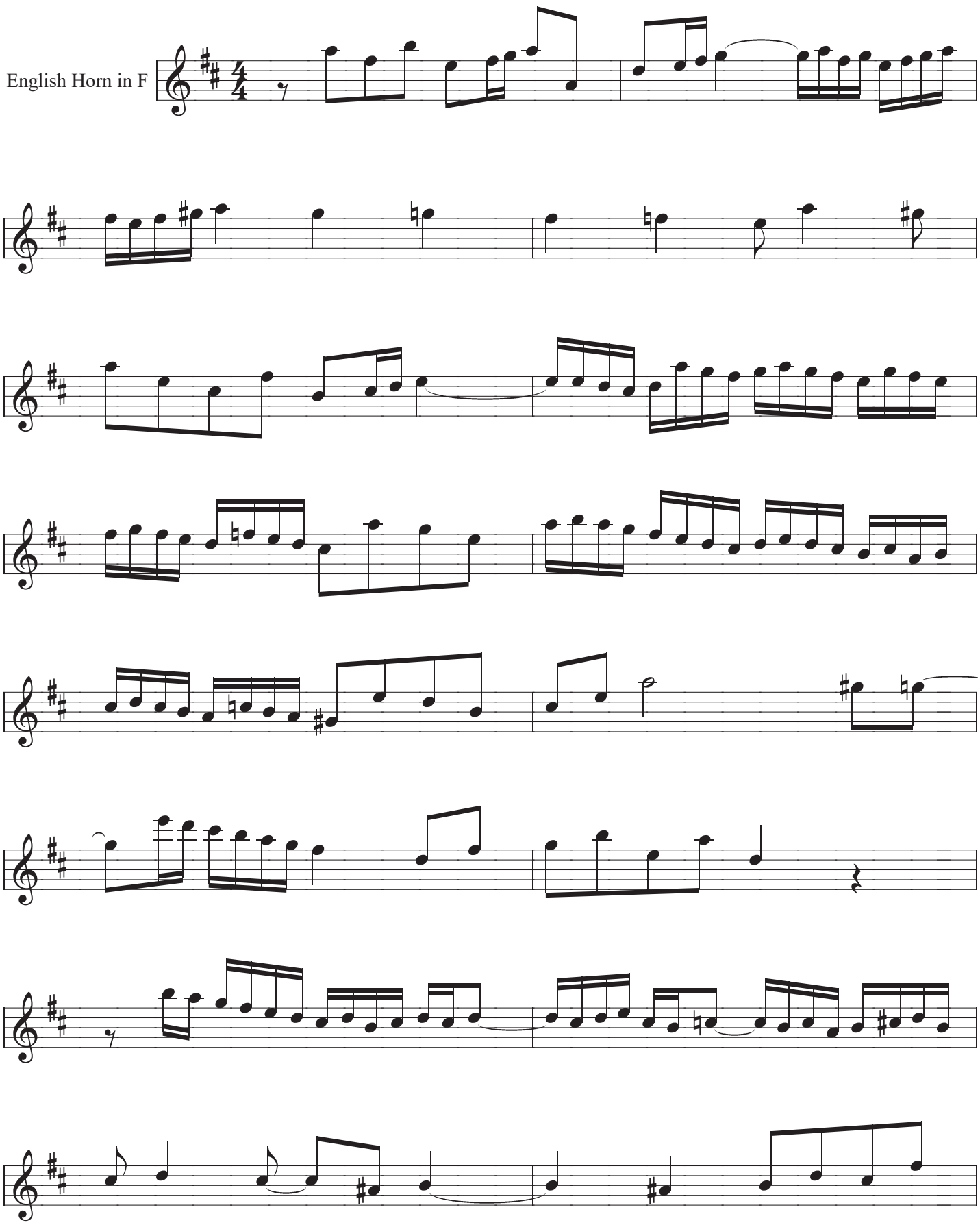
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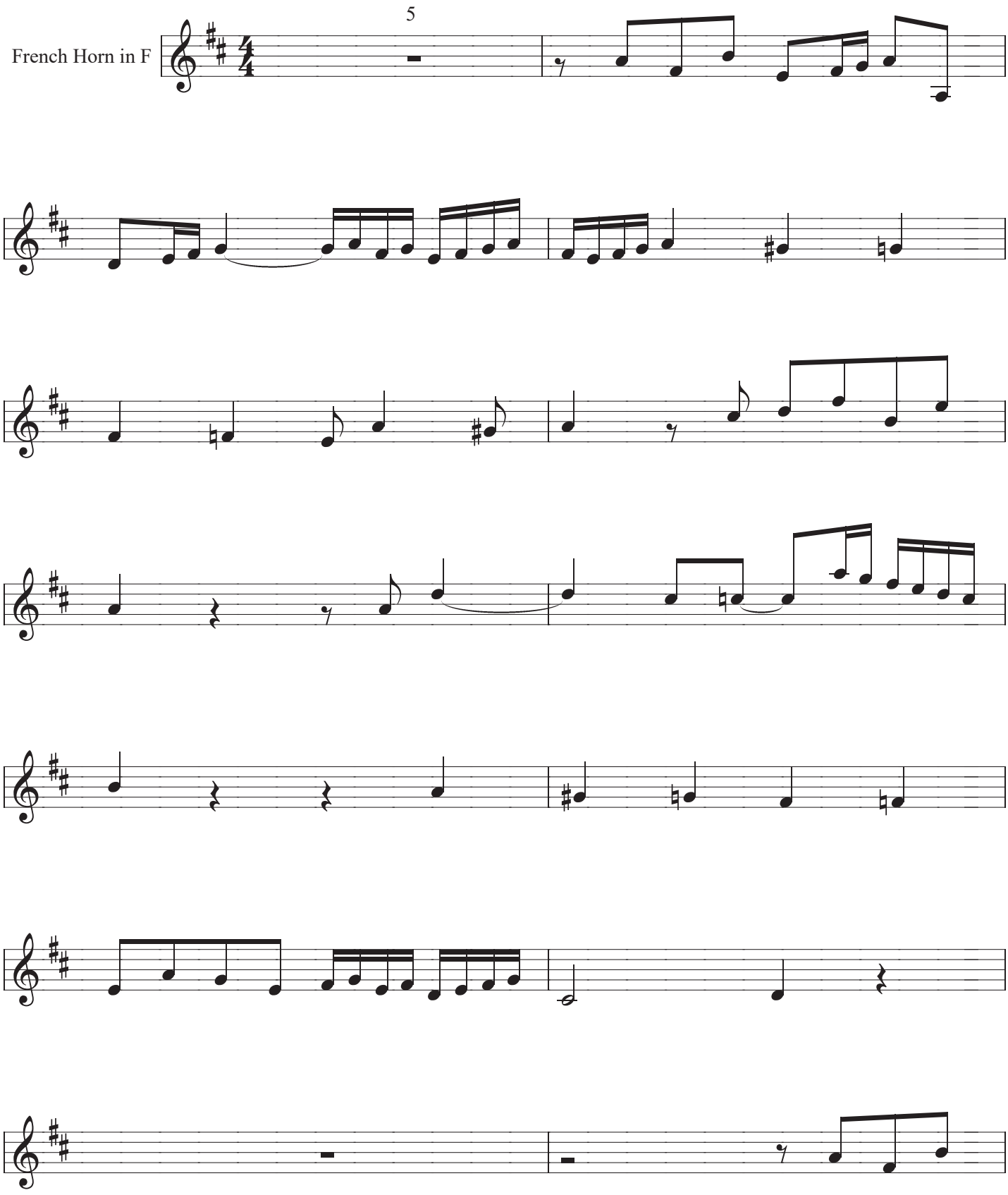
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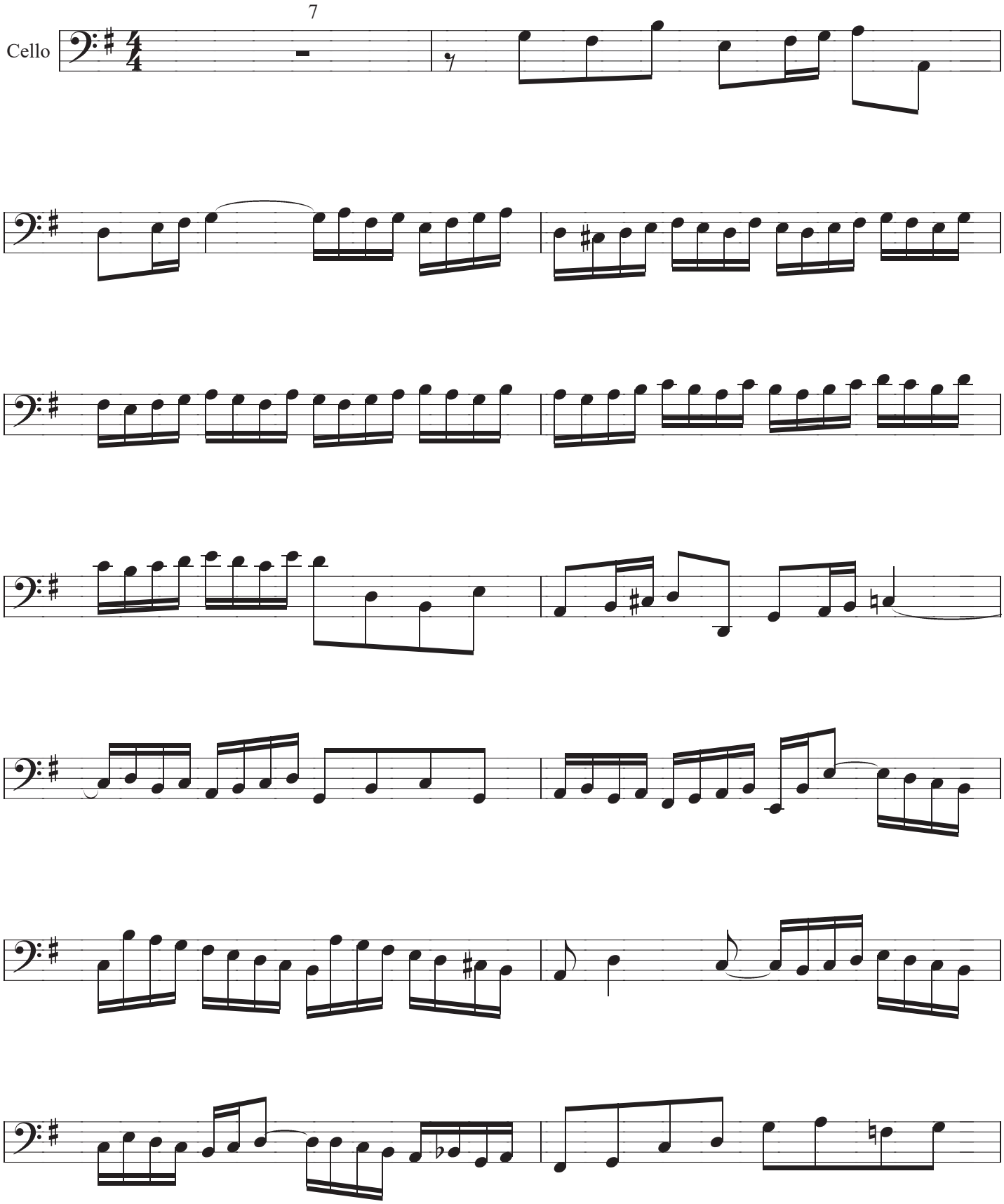
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Cello

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Prelude & Fugue no. 18

BWV 887

for

Oboe & Organ or Harpsichord

(2 manuals)

Revision : Jan Leontsky

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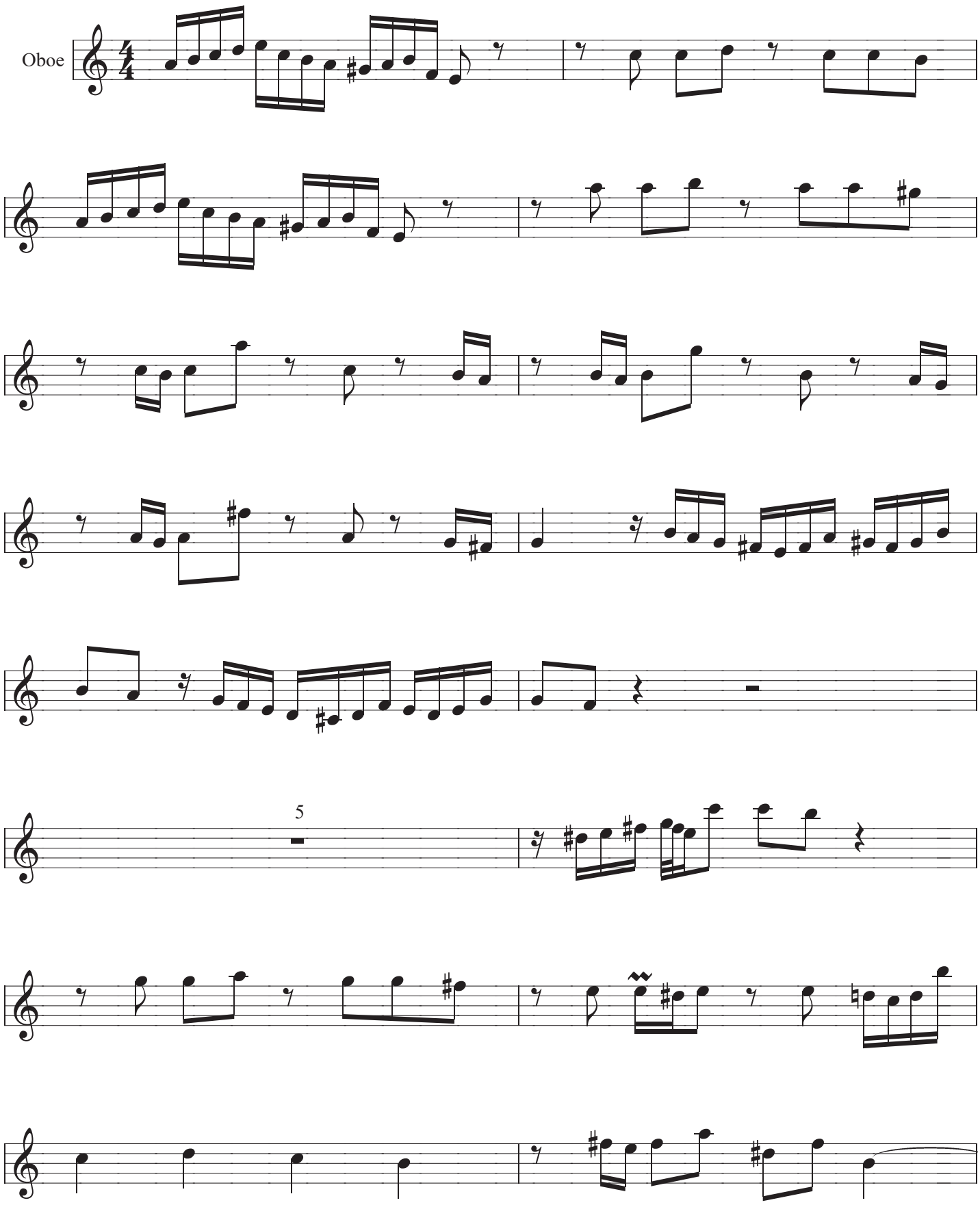
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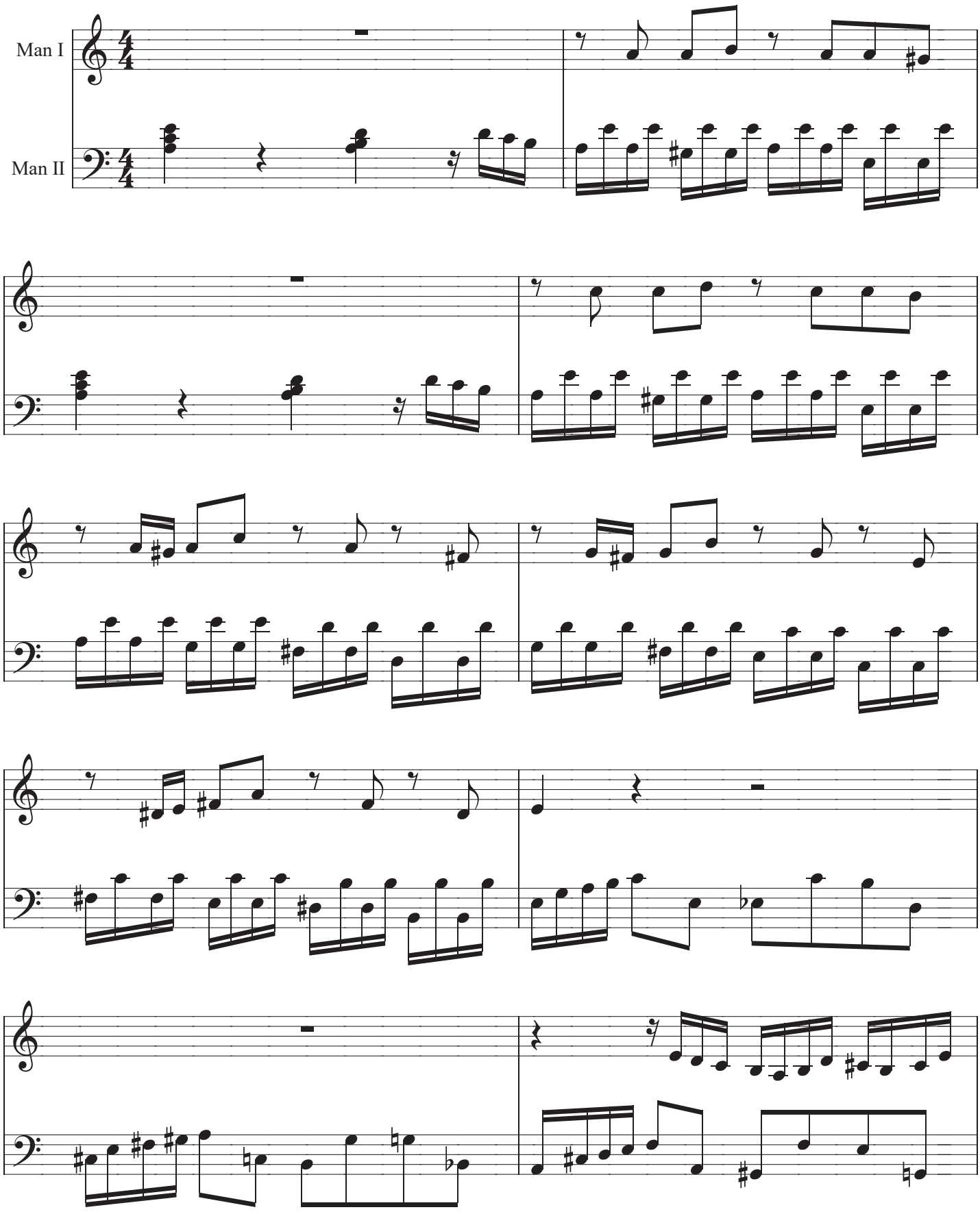
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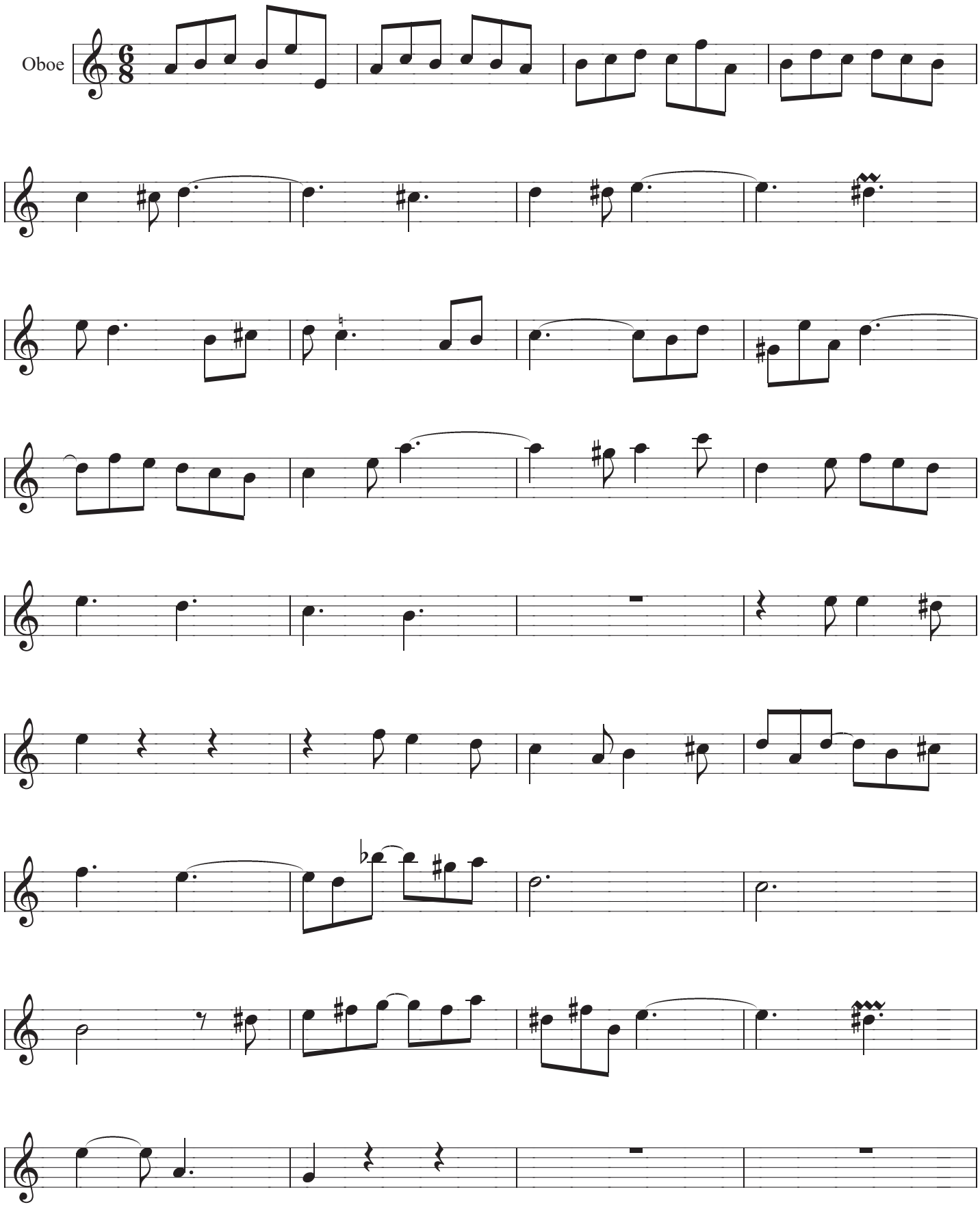
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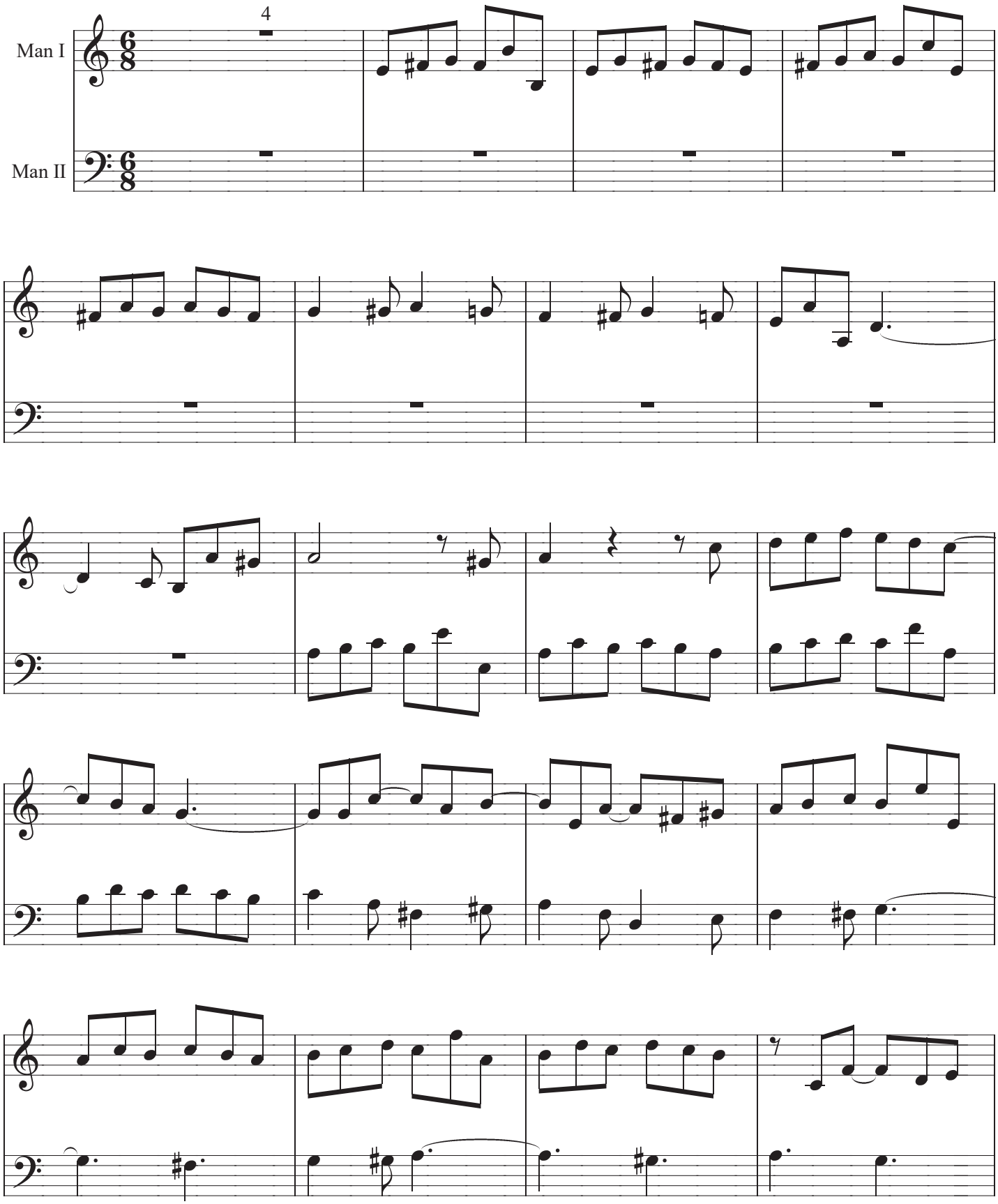
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Colors of the Well-Tempered Clavier II

Prelude & Fugue no. 19

BWV 888

for

Violin, French Horn in F & Cello

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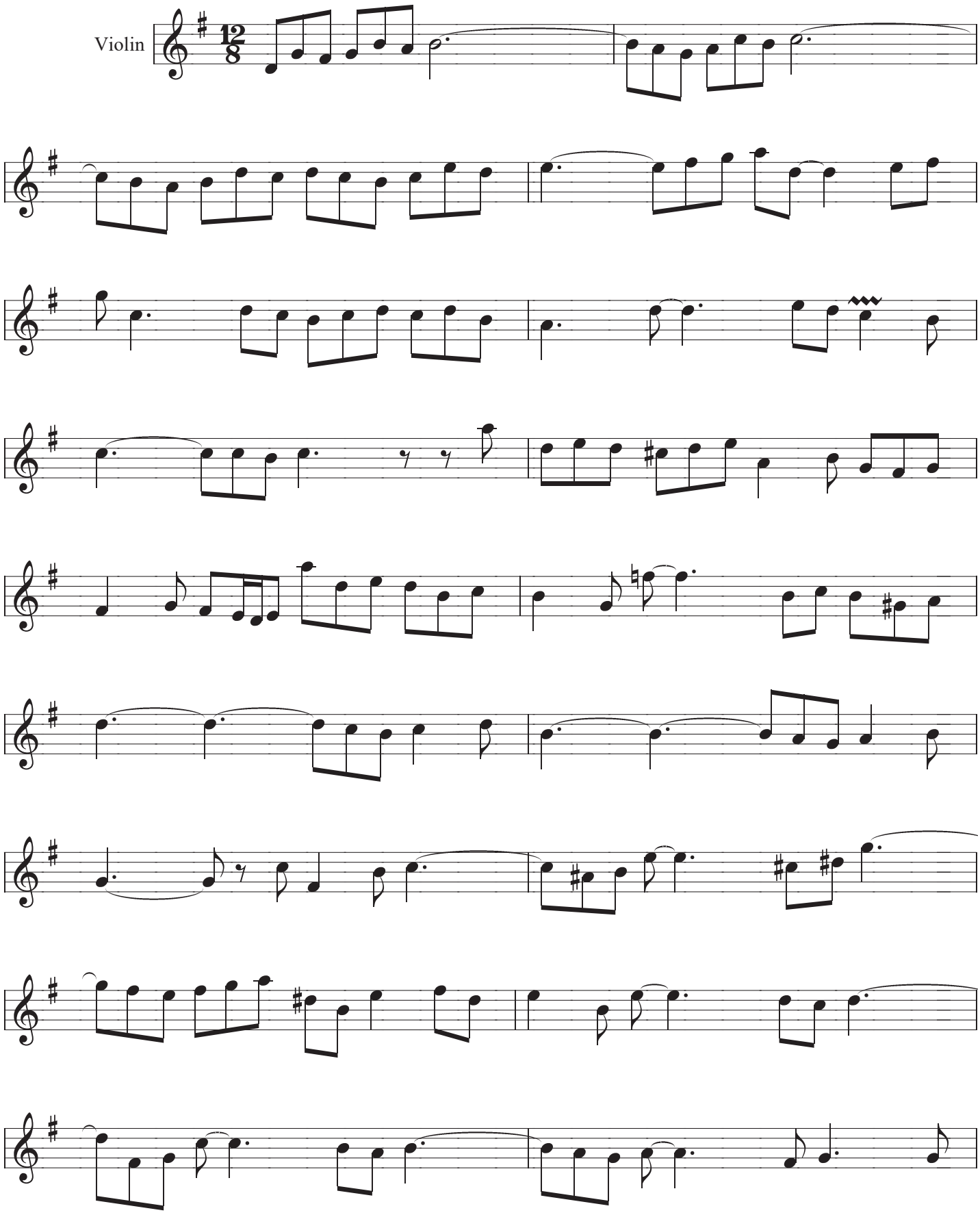
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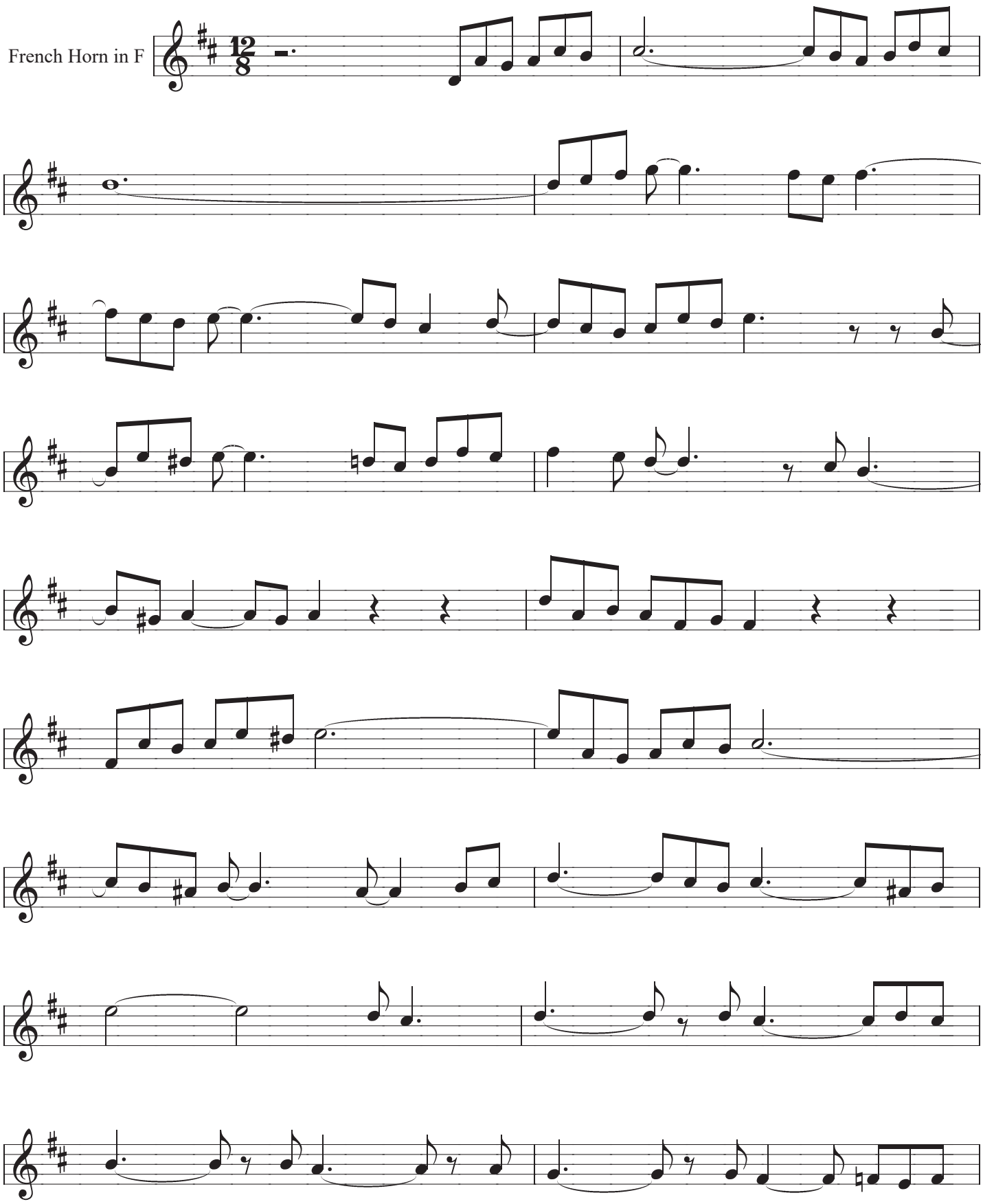
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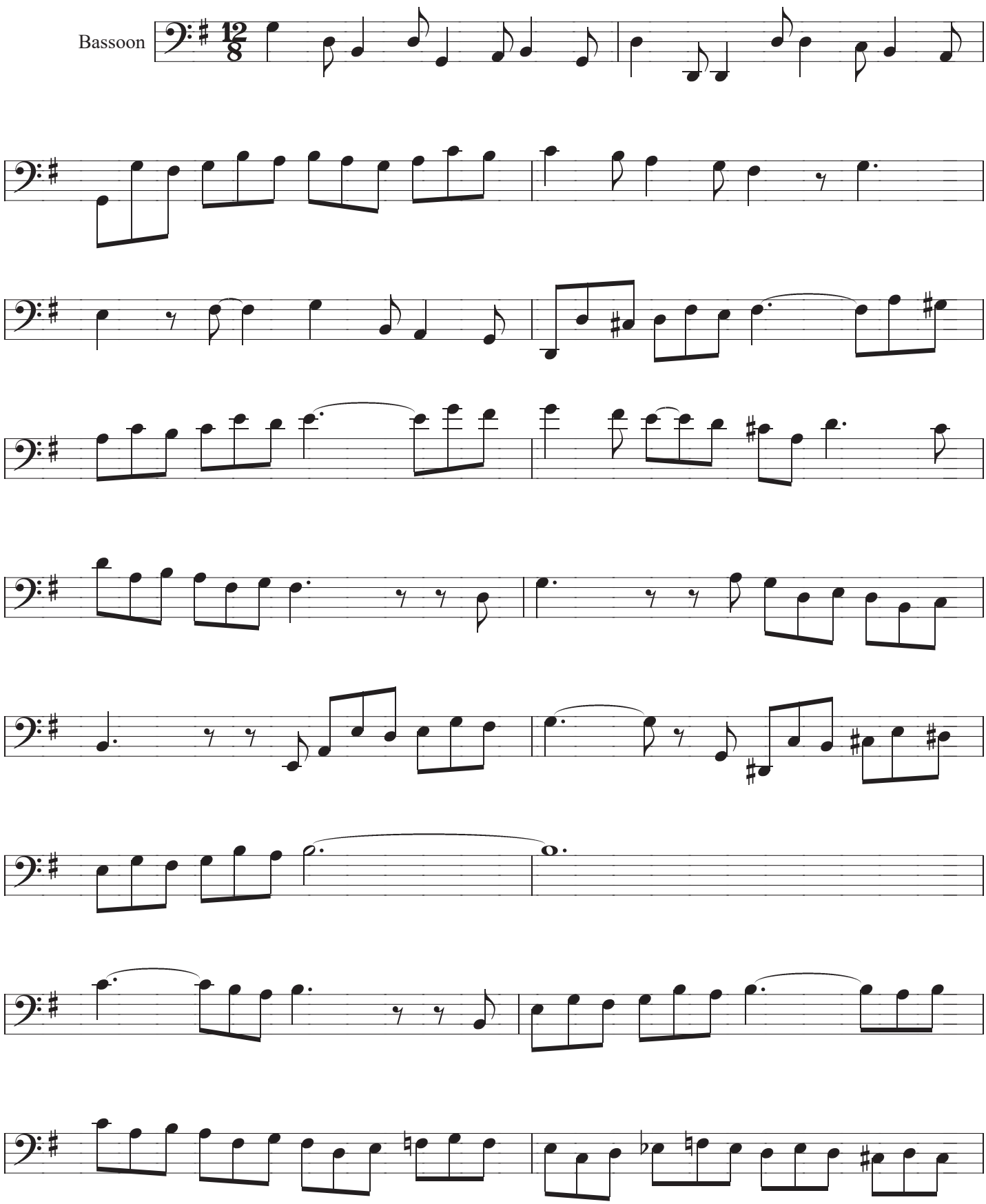
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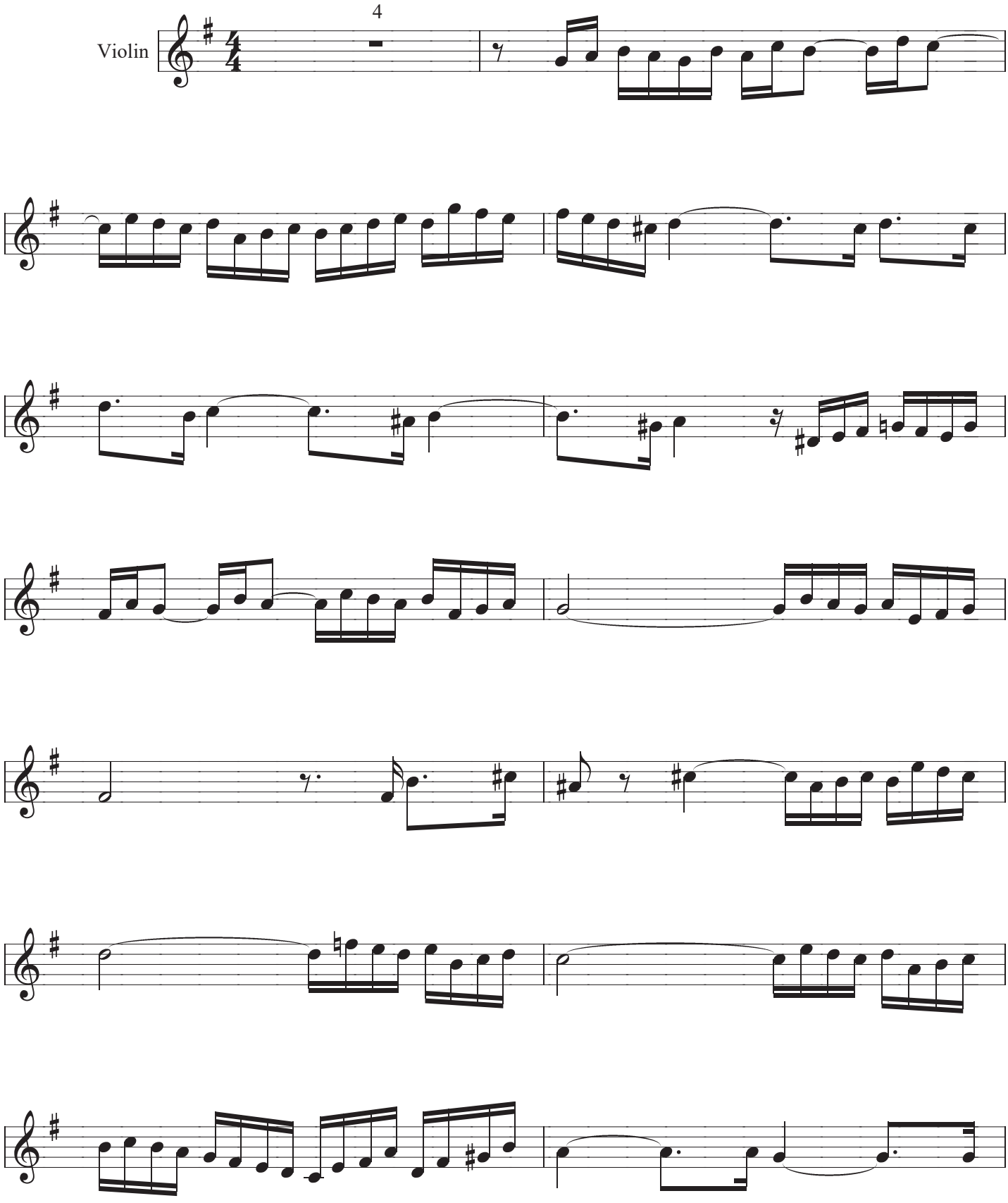
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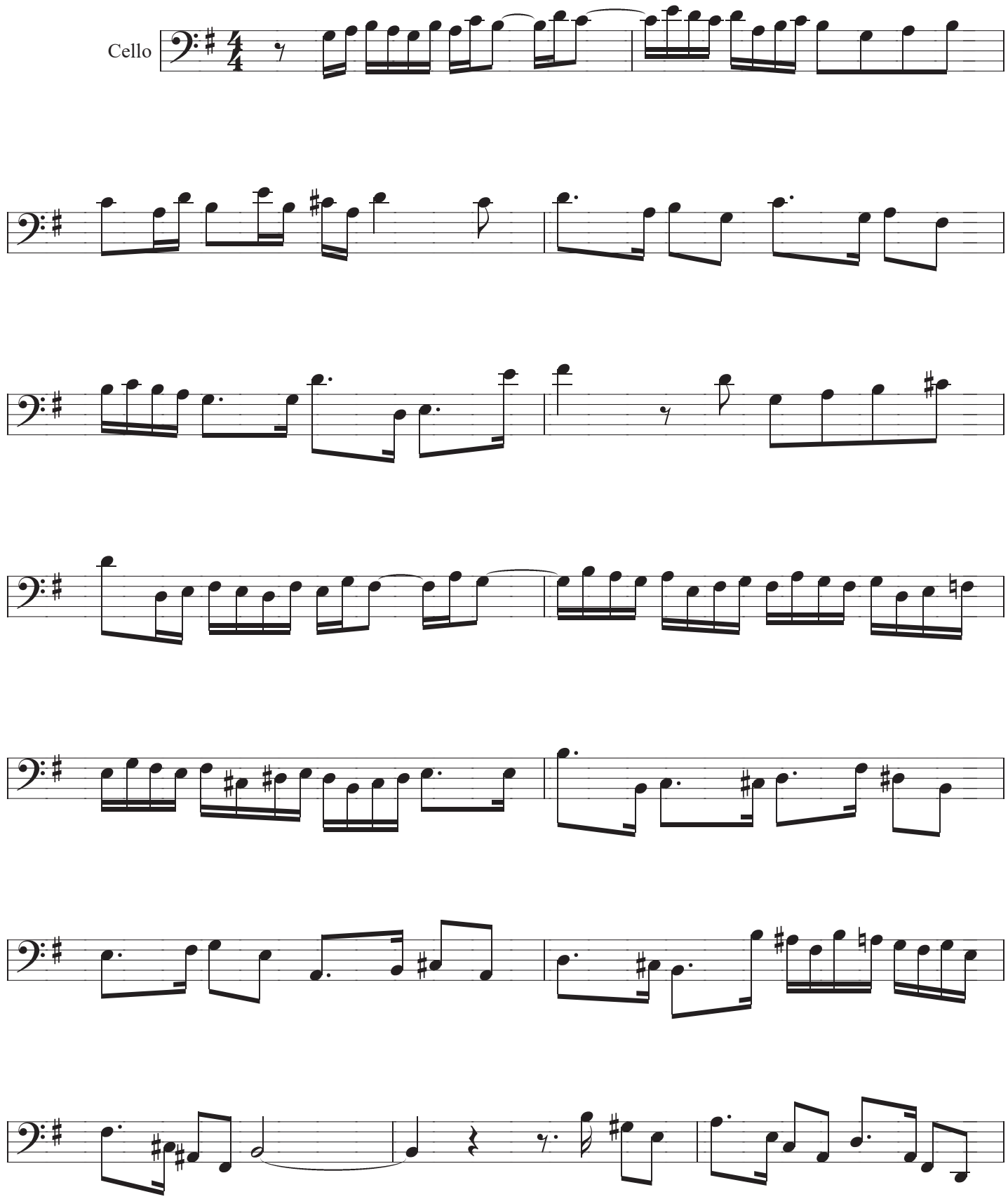
Cello

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Colors of the Well-Tempered Clavier II

Prelude & Fugue no. 20

BWV 889

for

Violin, Viola & Bassoon

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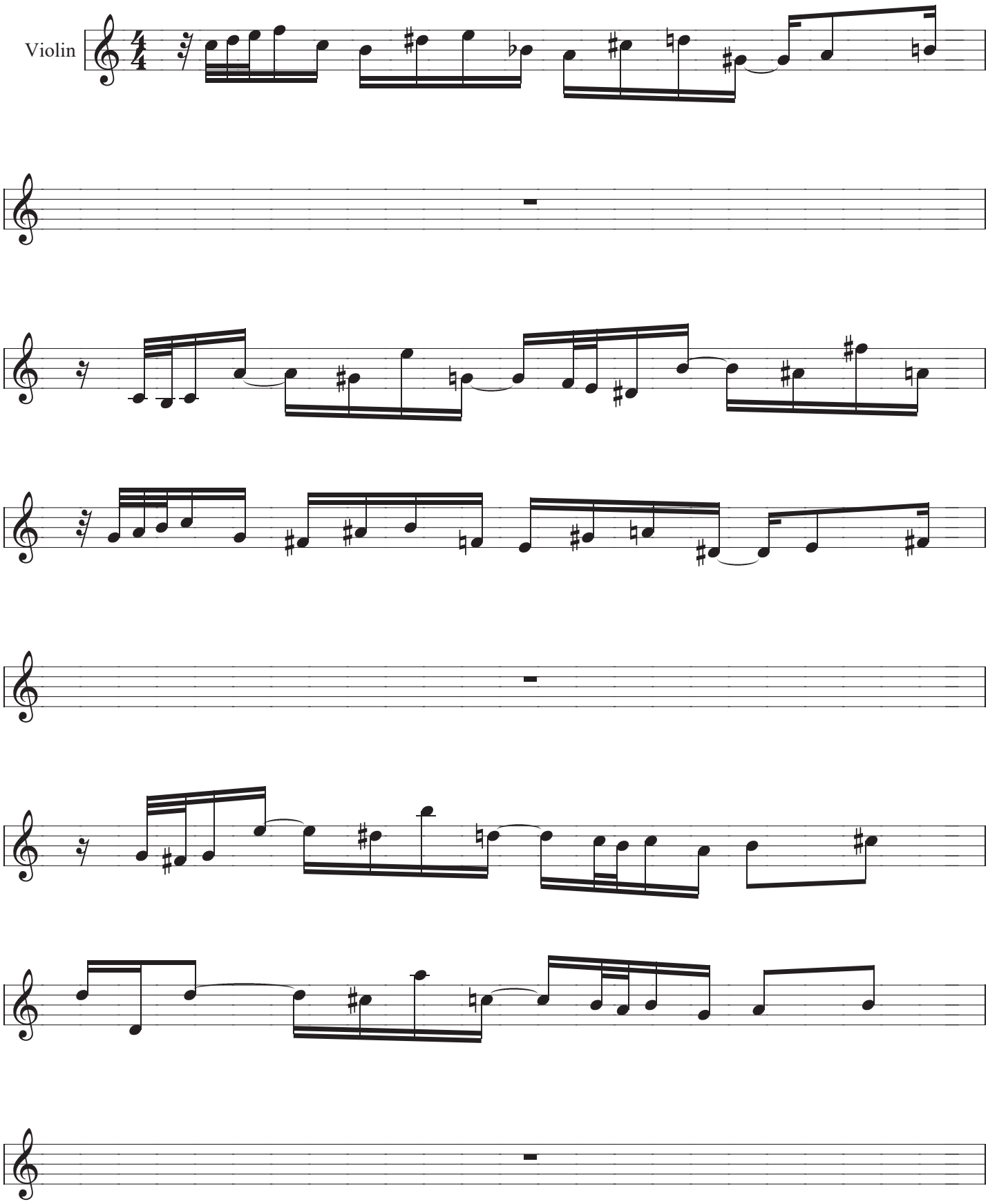
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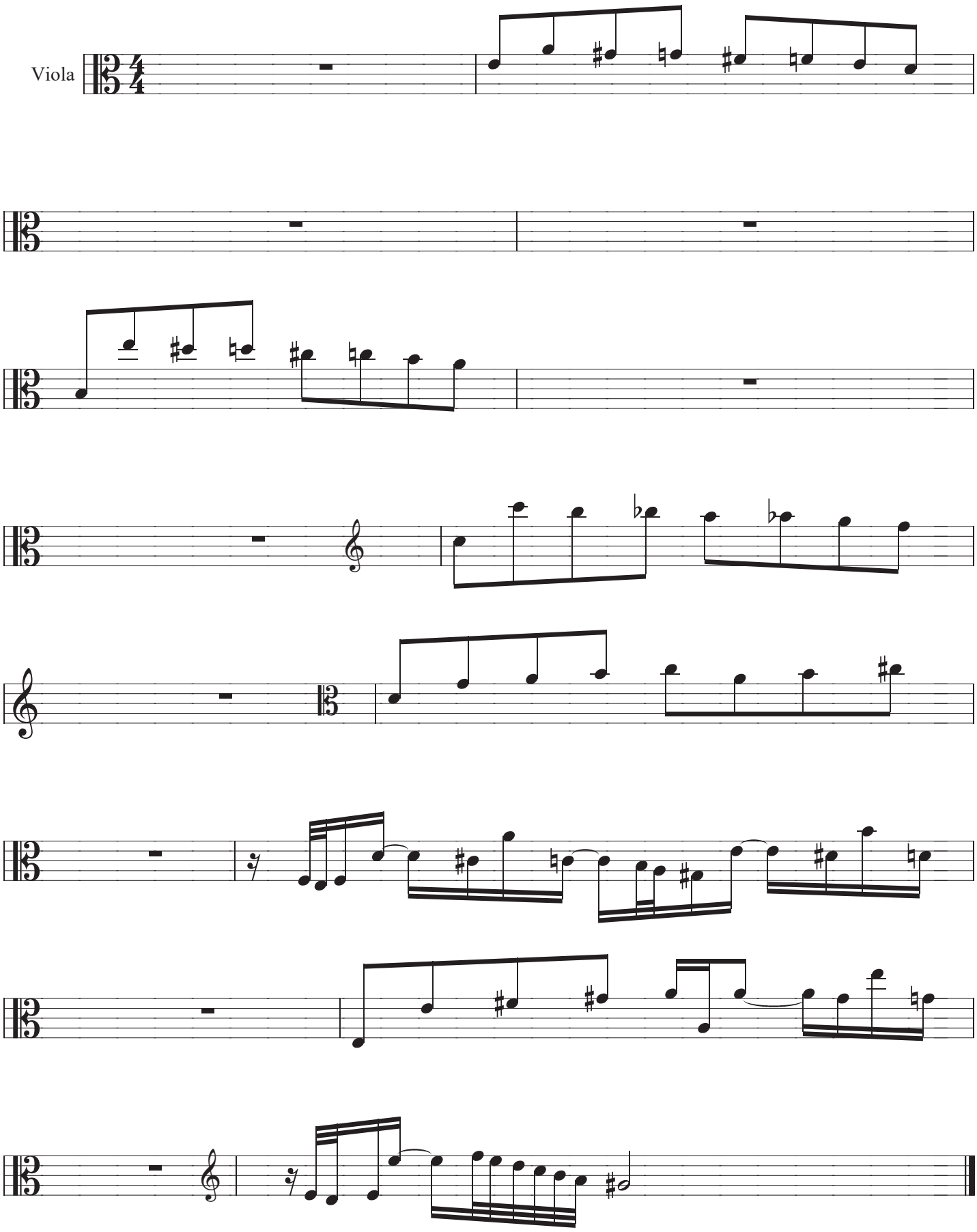
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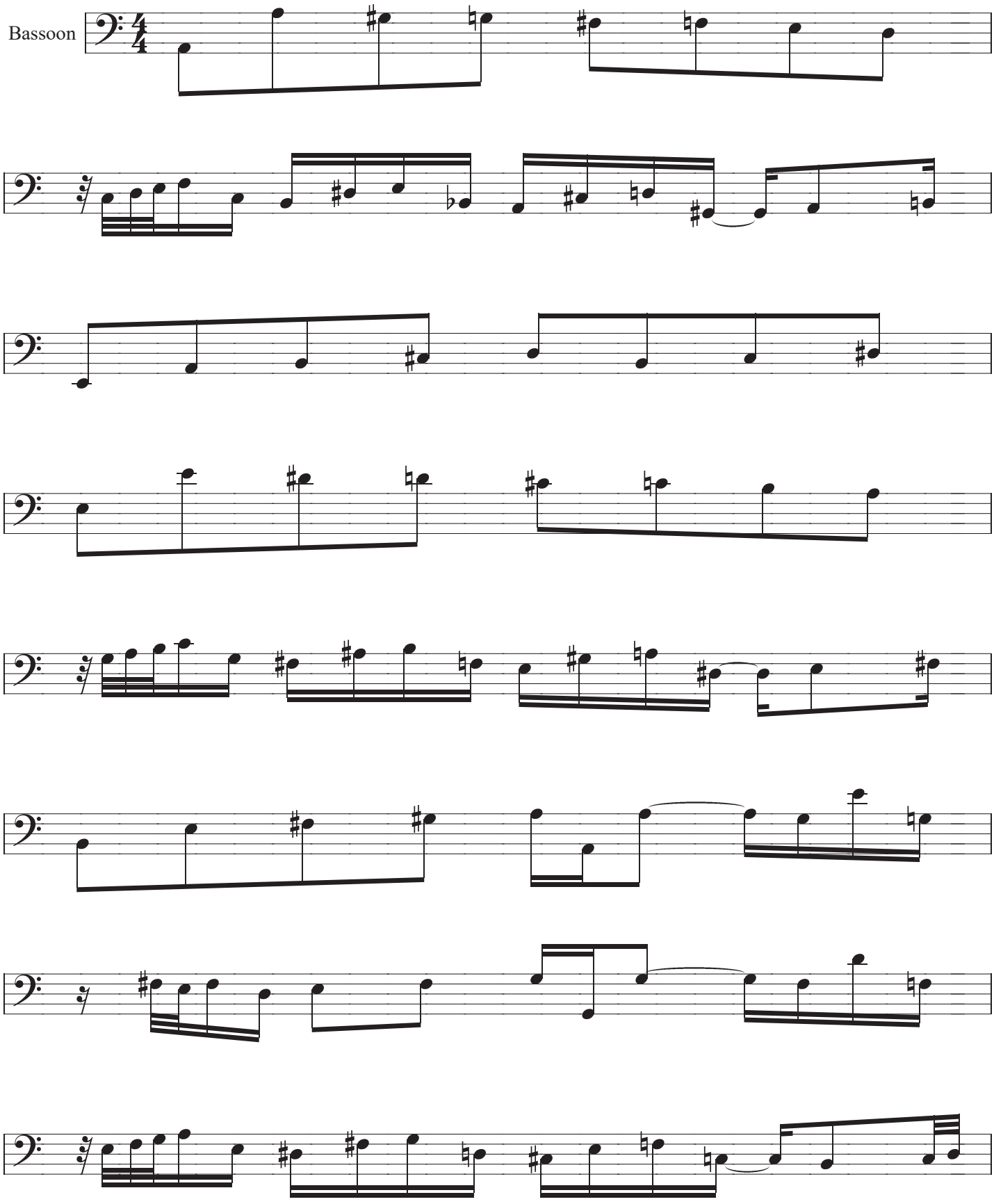
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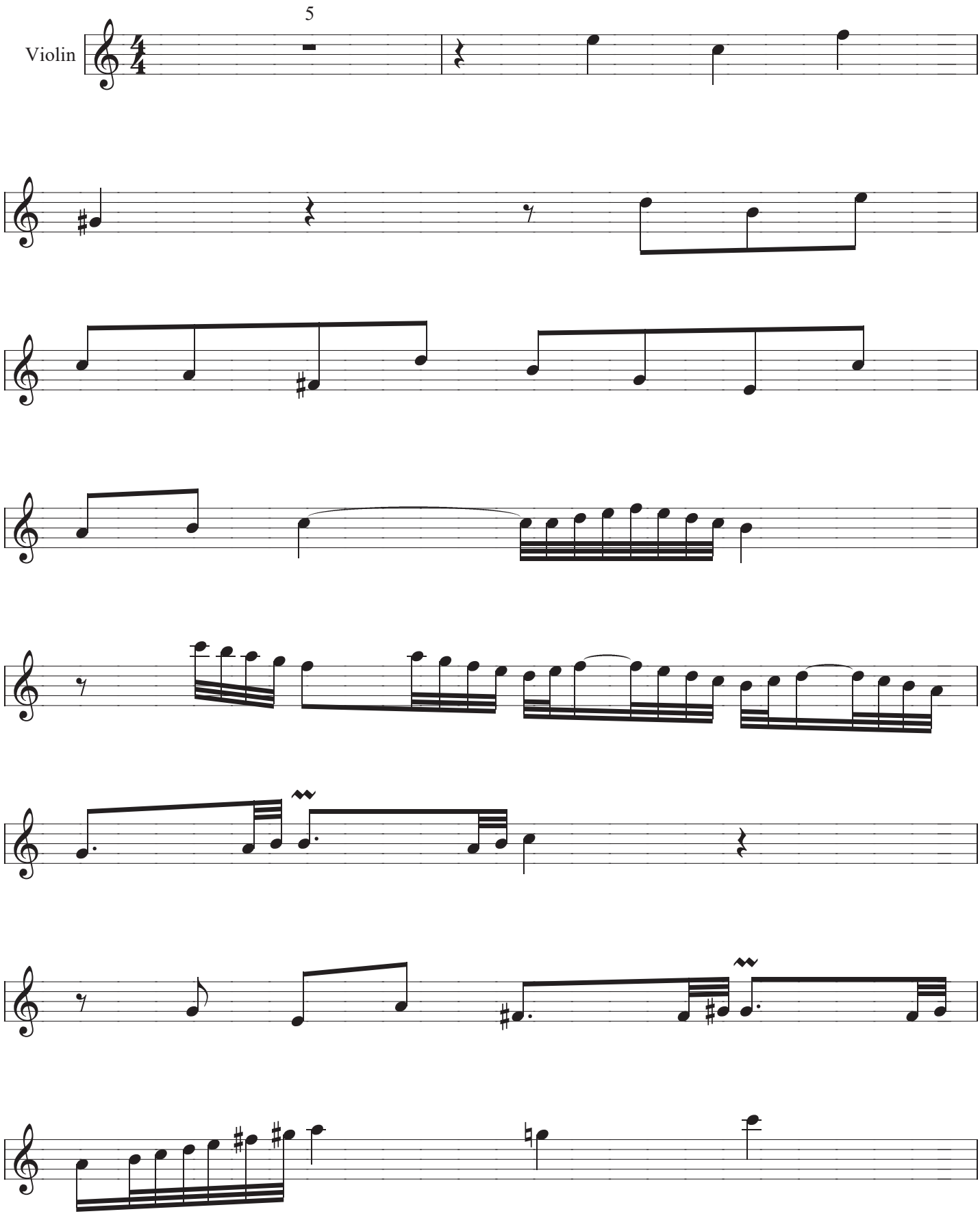
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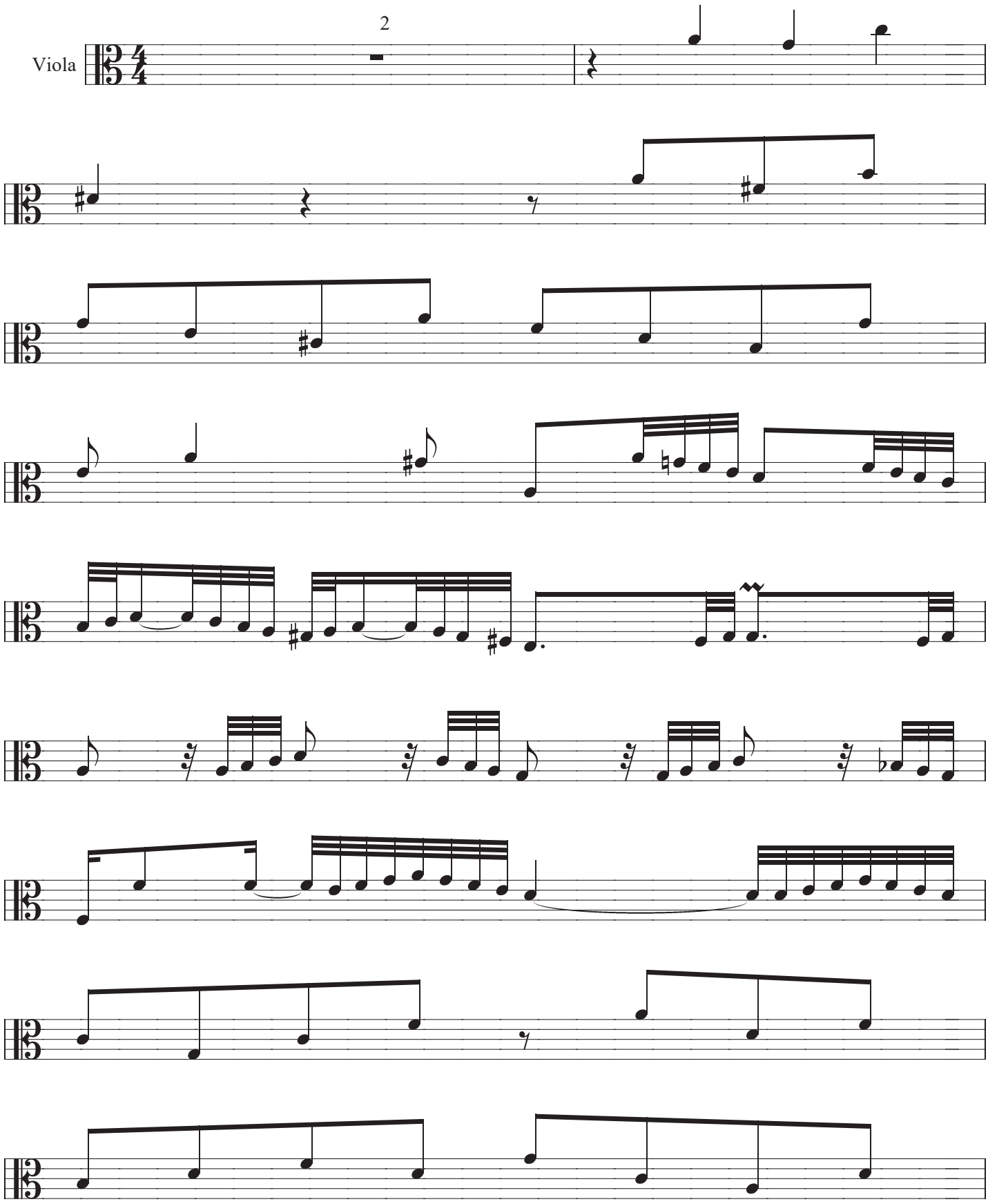
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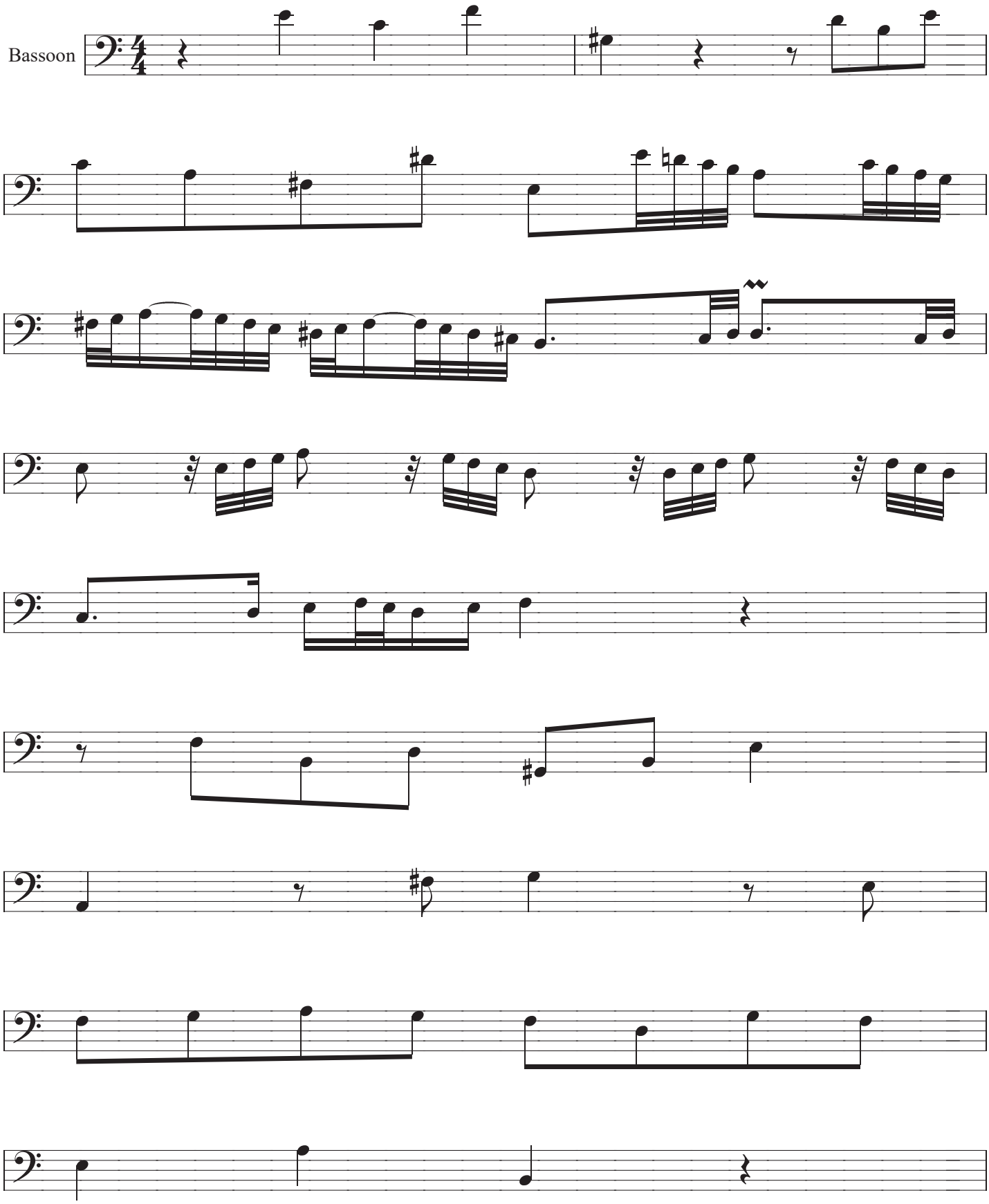
Bassoon

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Colors of the Well-Tempered Clavier II

Prelude & Fugue no. 21

BWV 890

for

Violin & Harpsichord or Organ (2 manuals)

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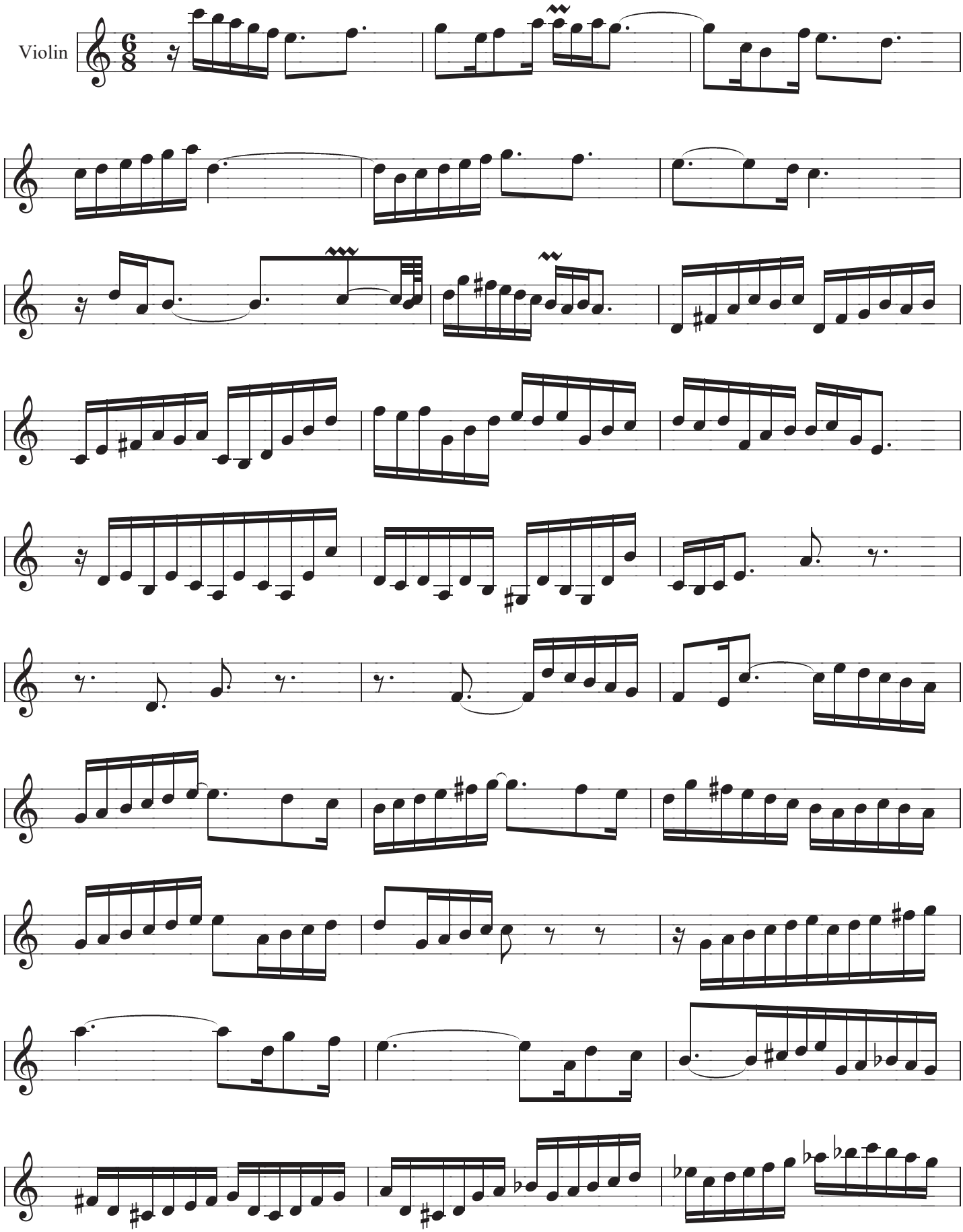
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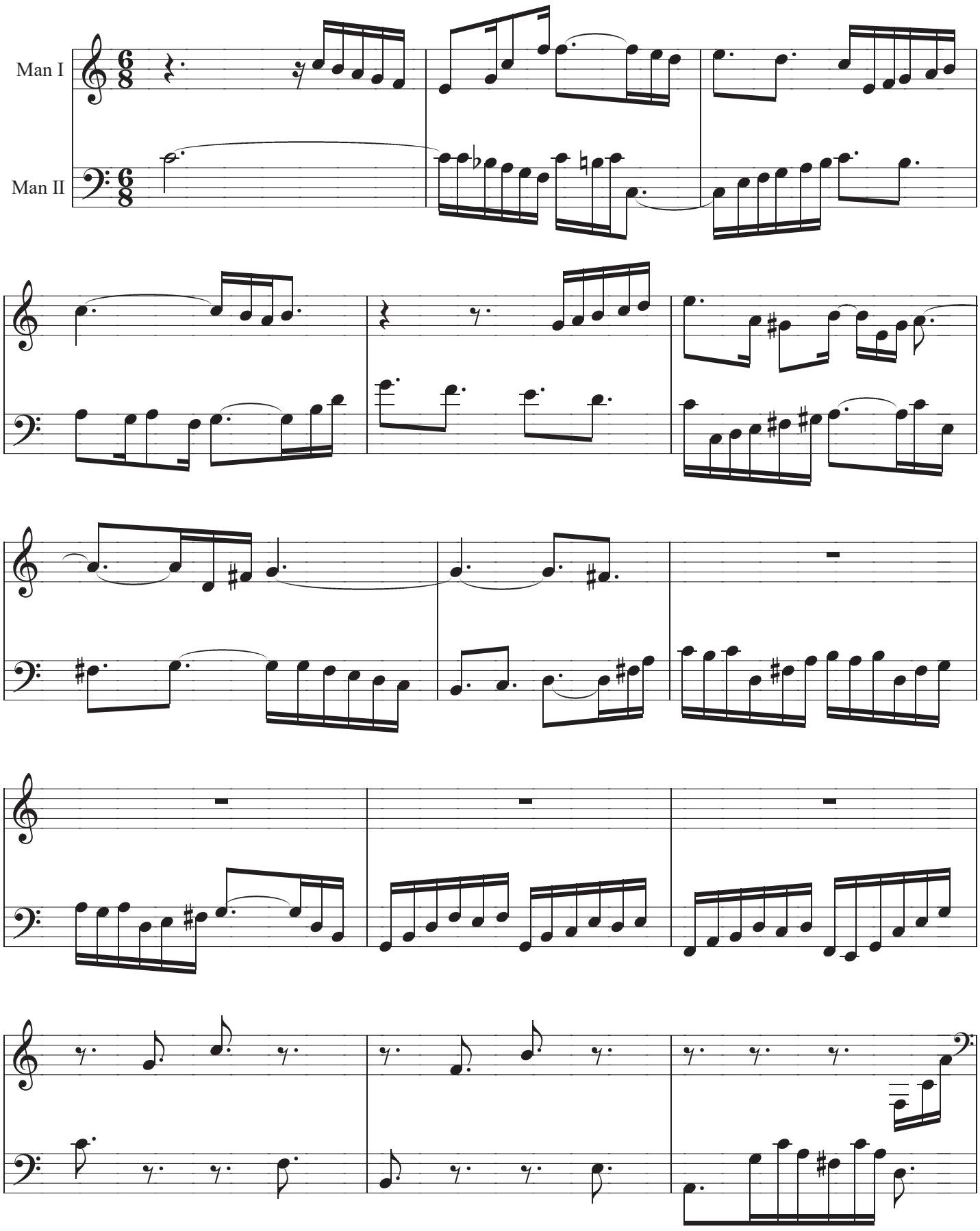
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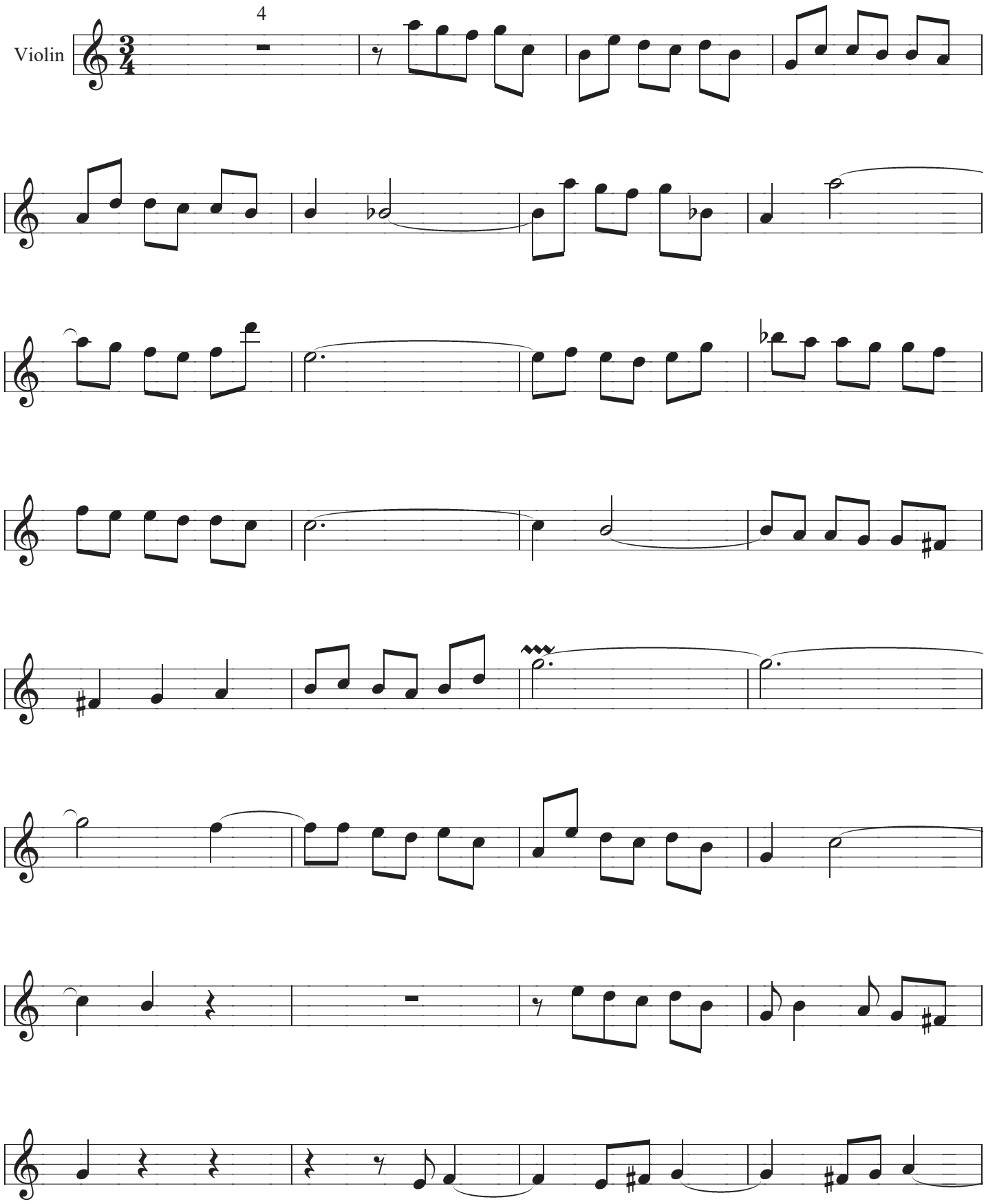
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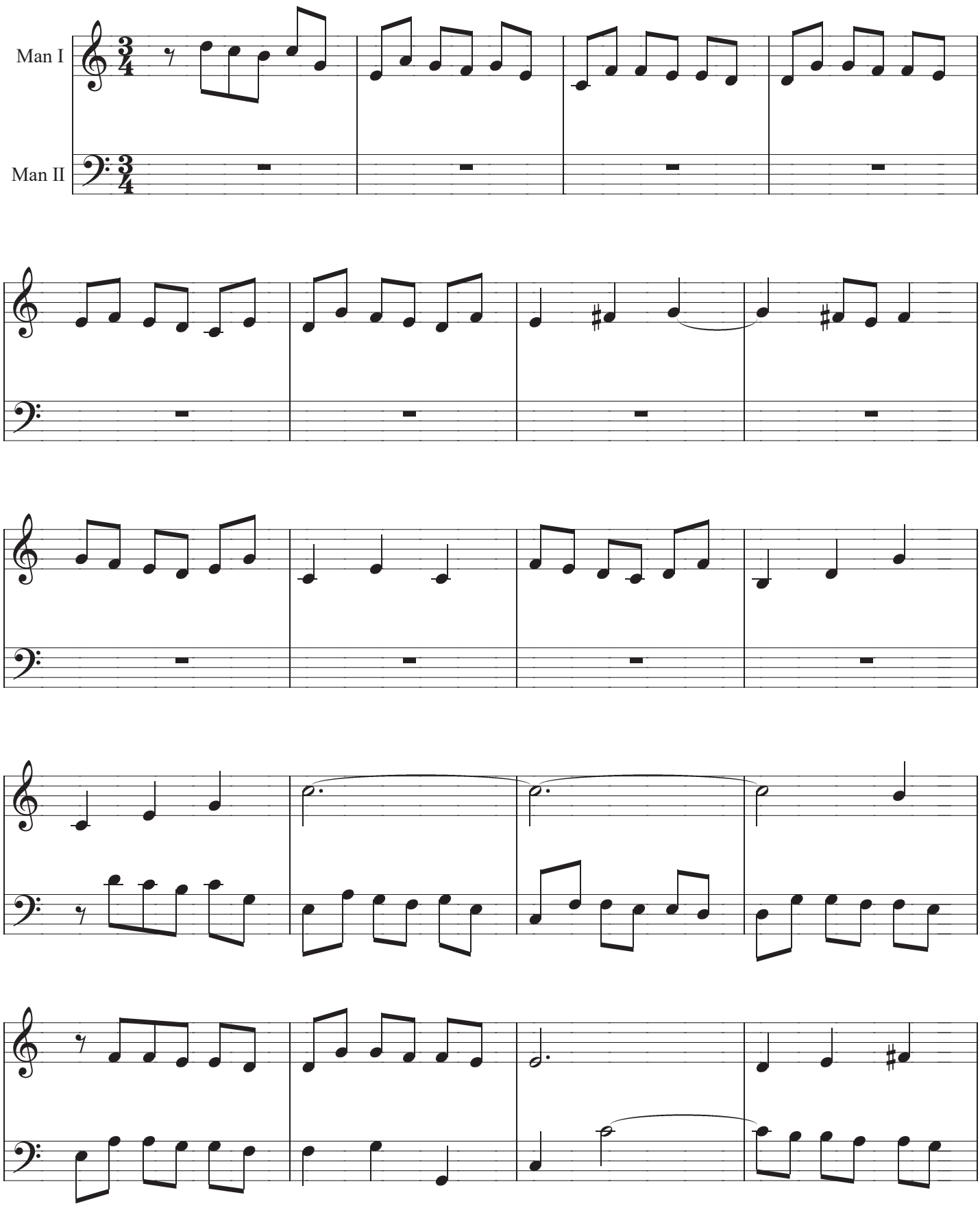
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Man II

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Colors of the Well-Tempered Clavier II

Prelude & Fugue no. 22

BWV 891

for

Oboe, Clarinet in Bb, Viola & French Horn in F

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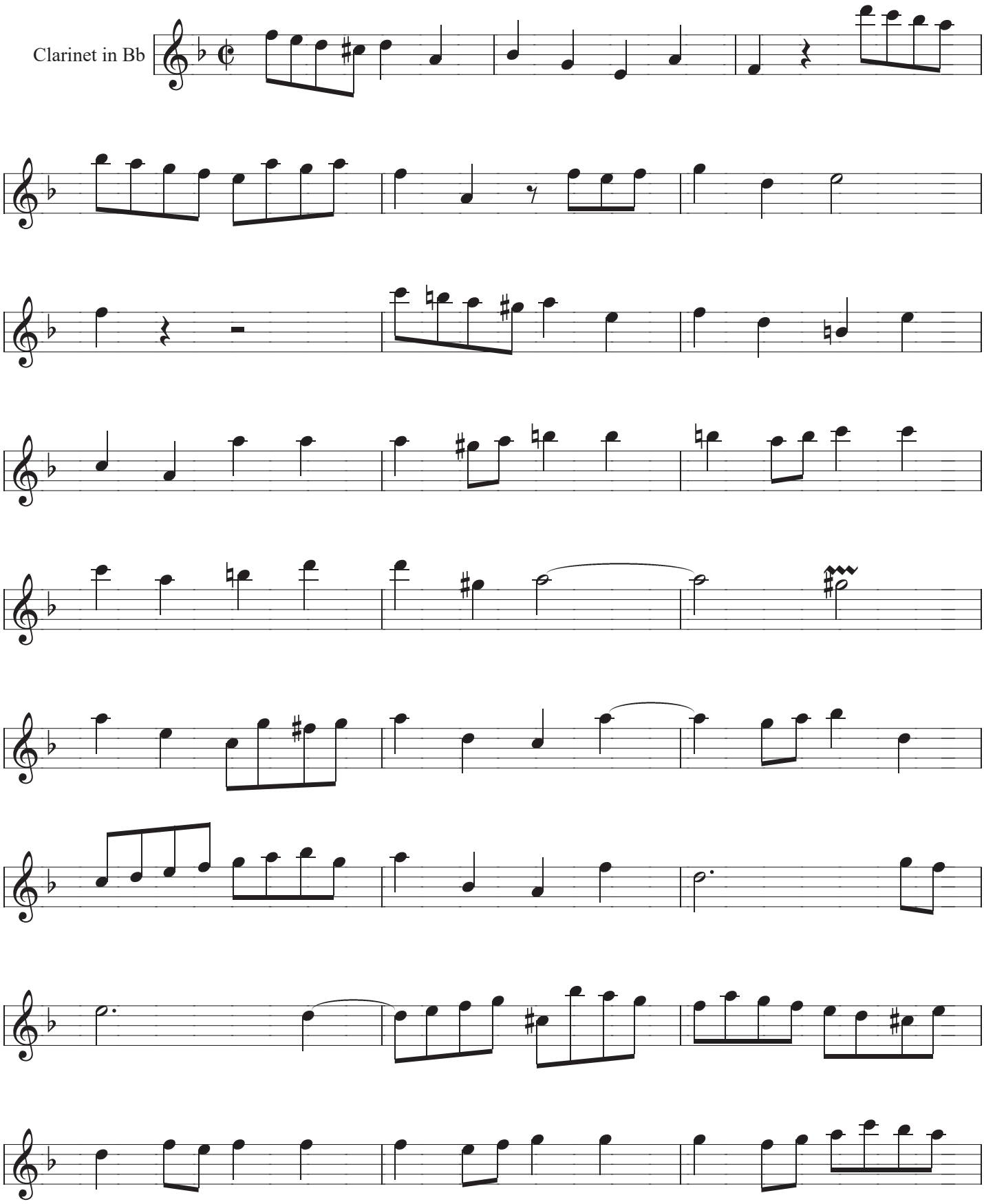
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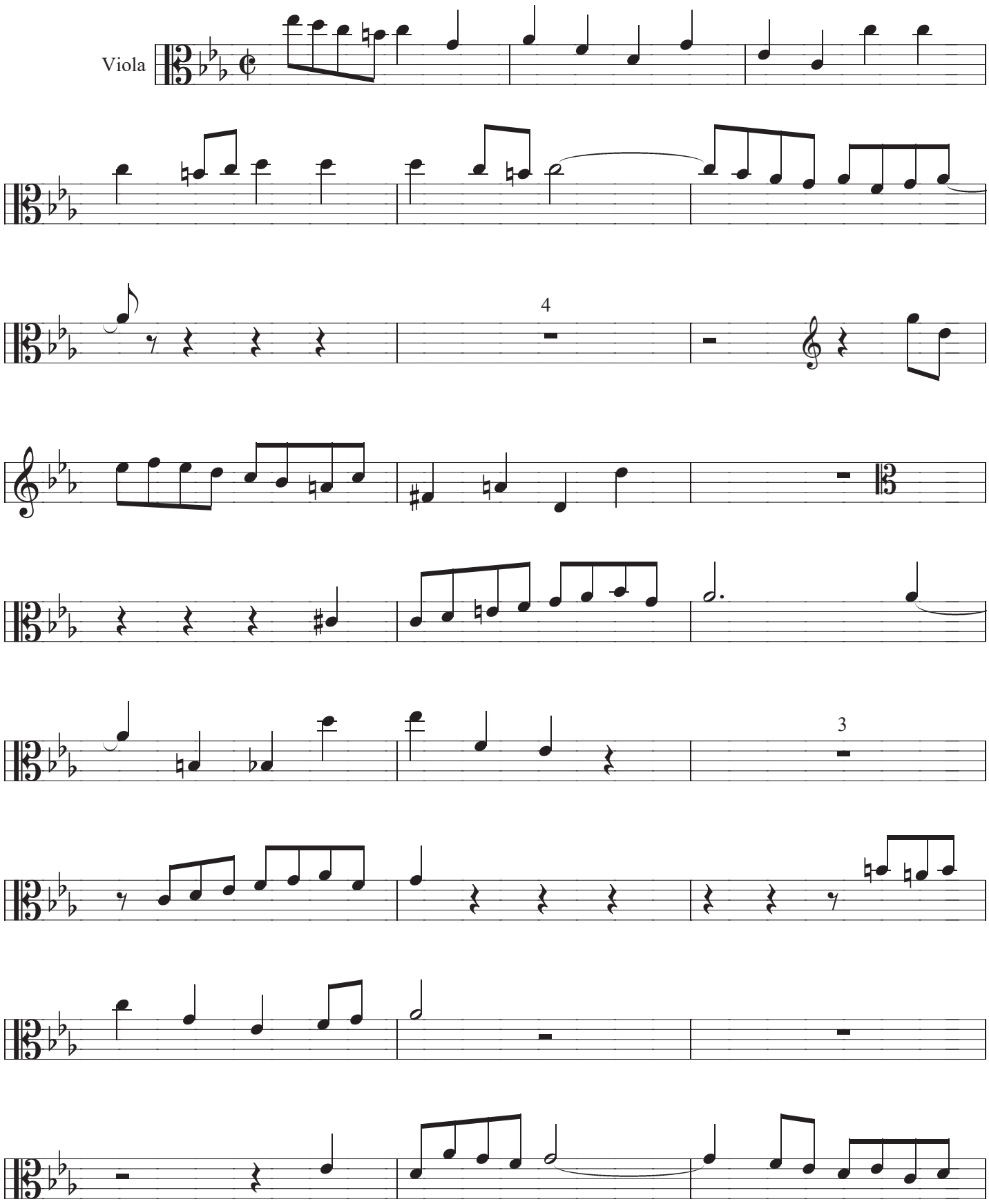
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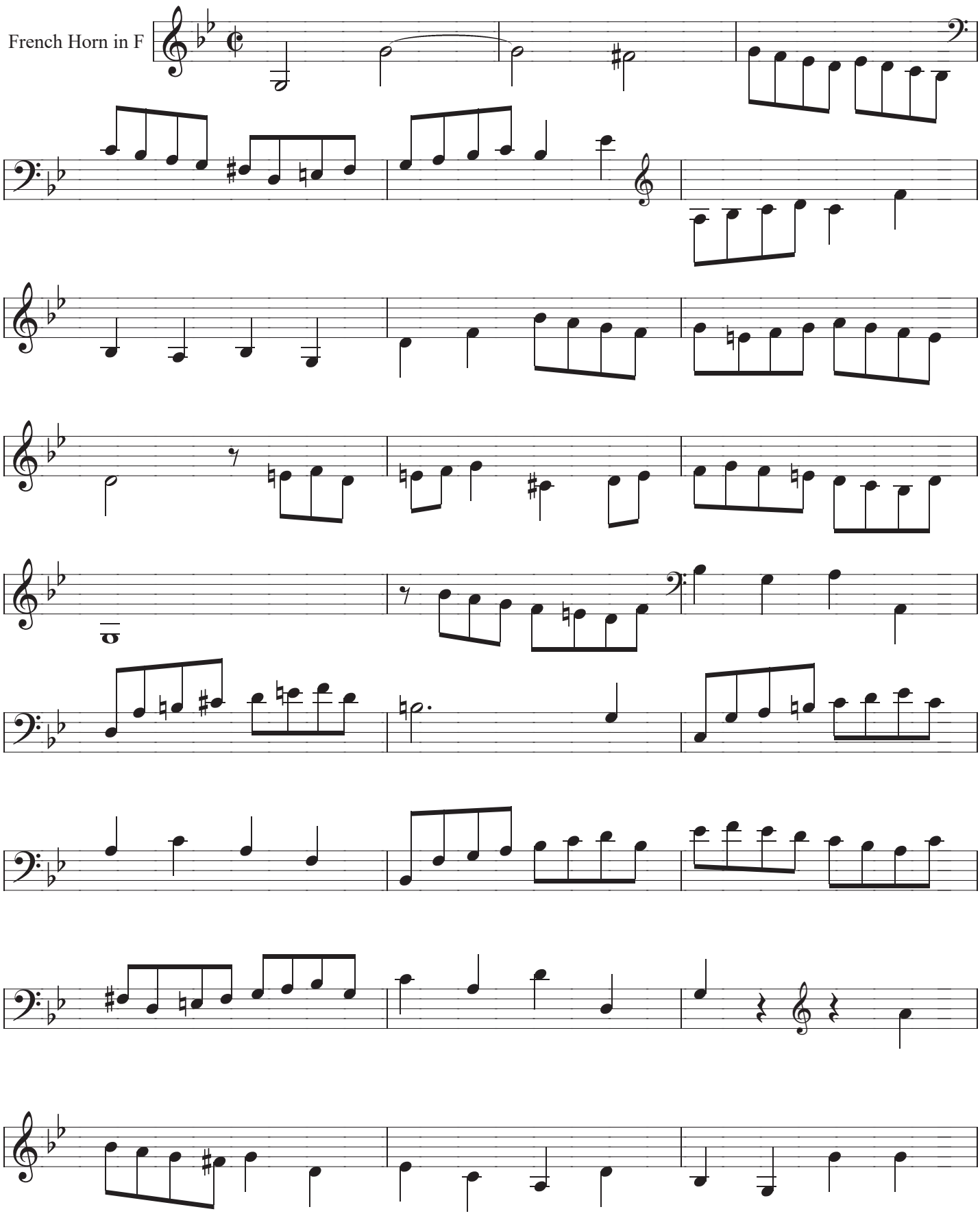
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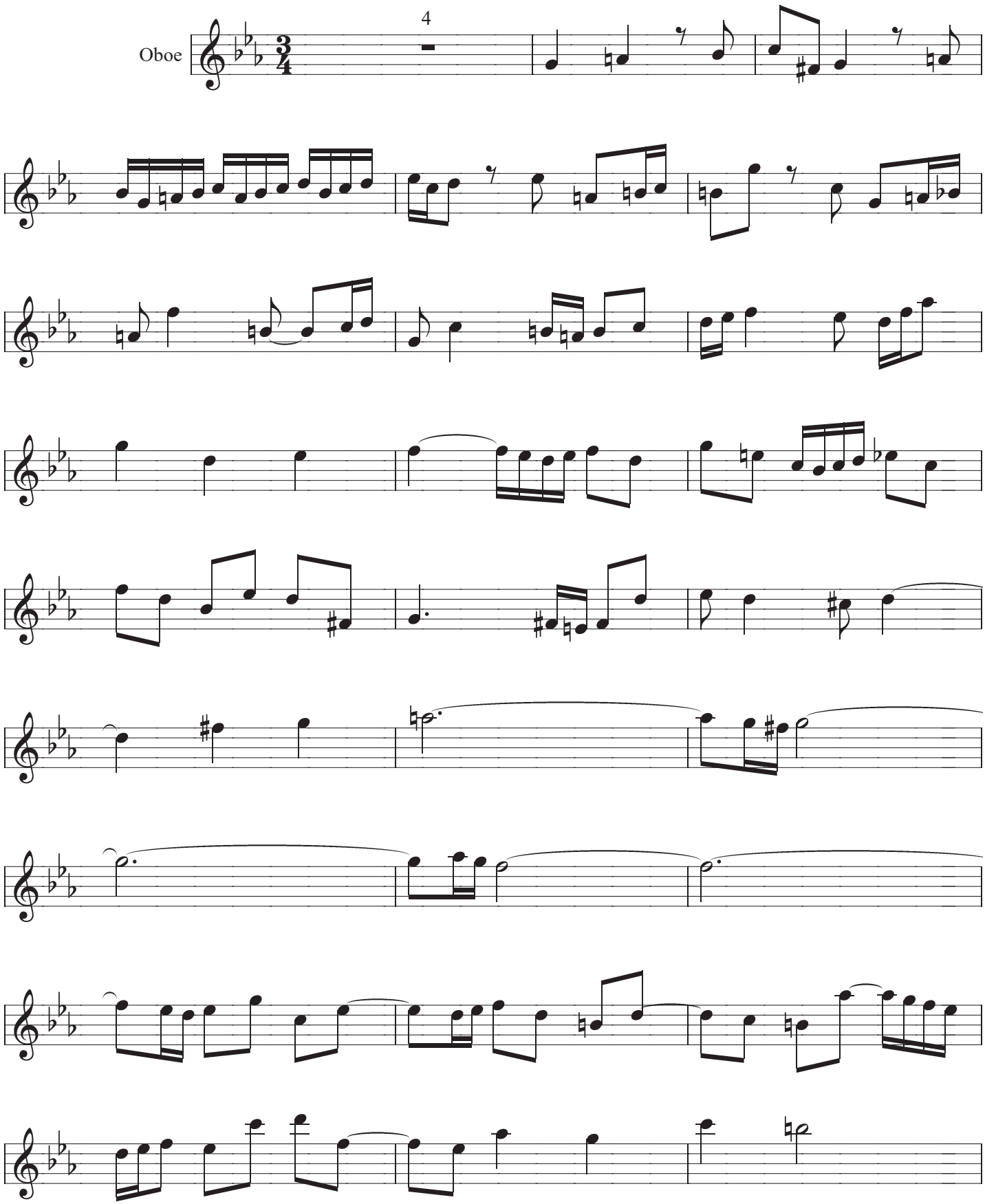
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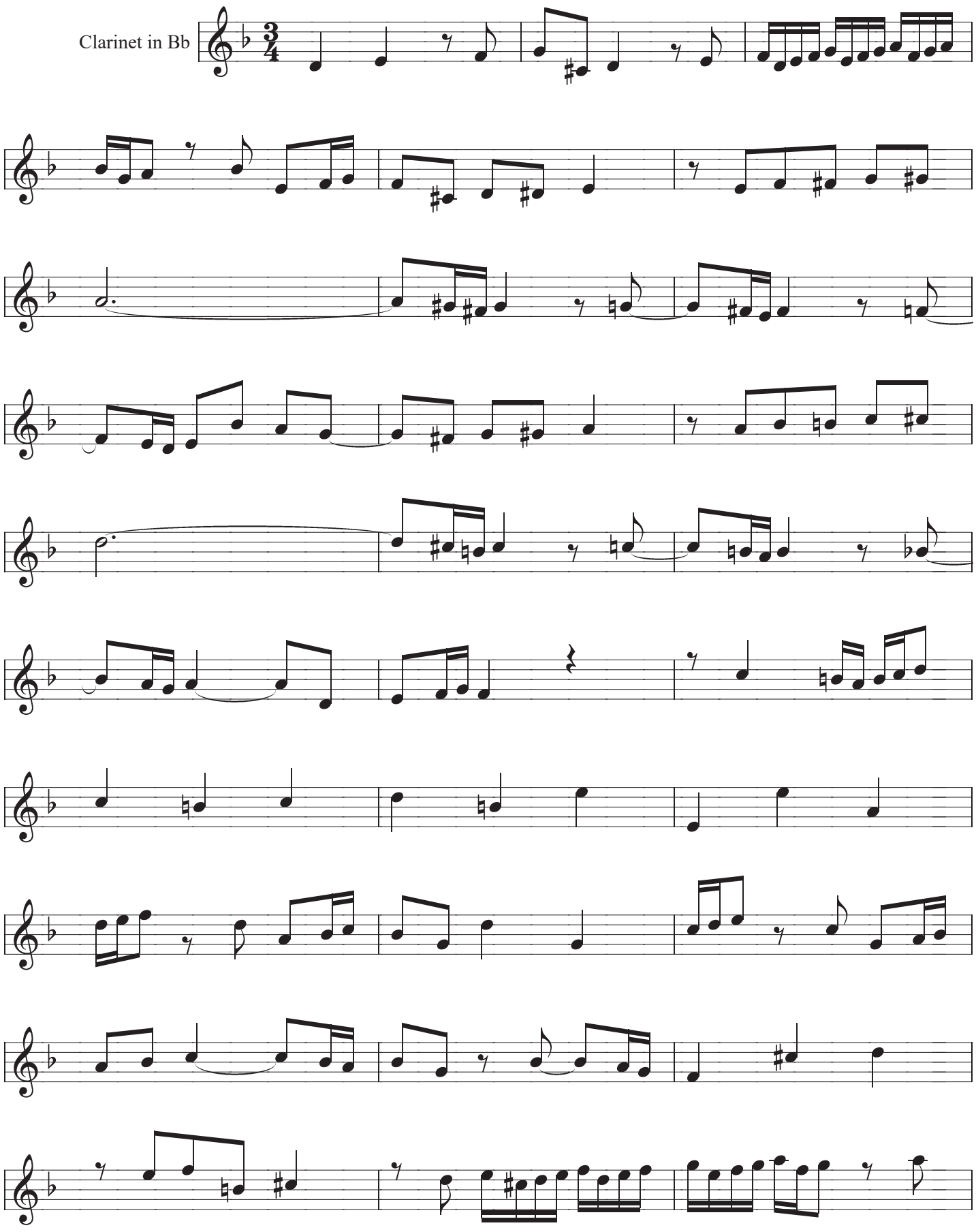
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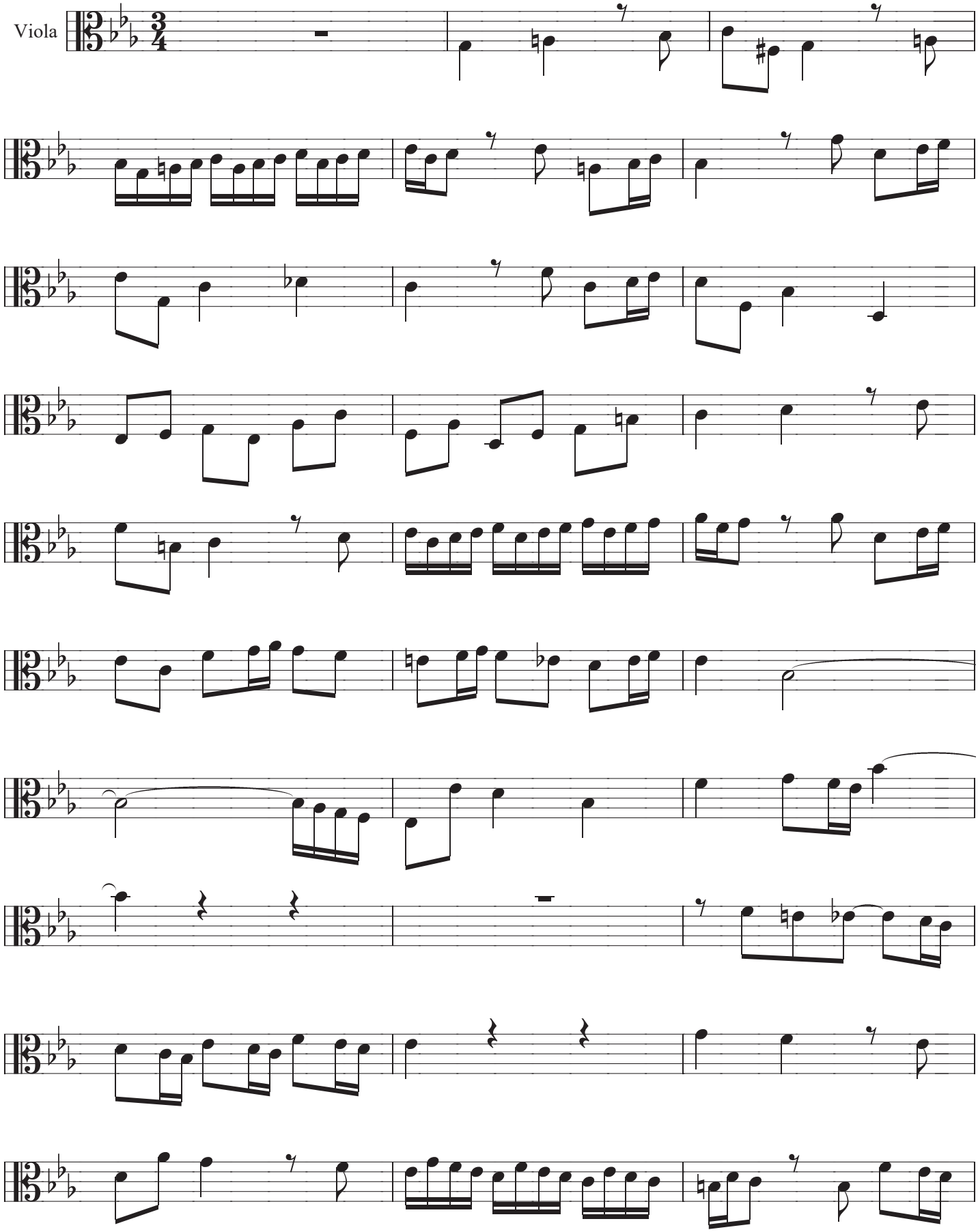
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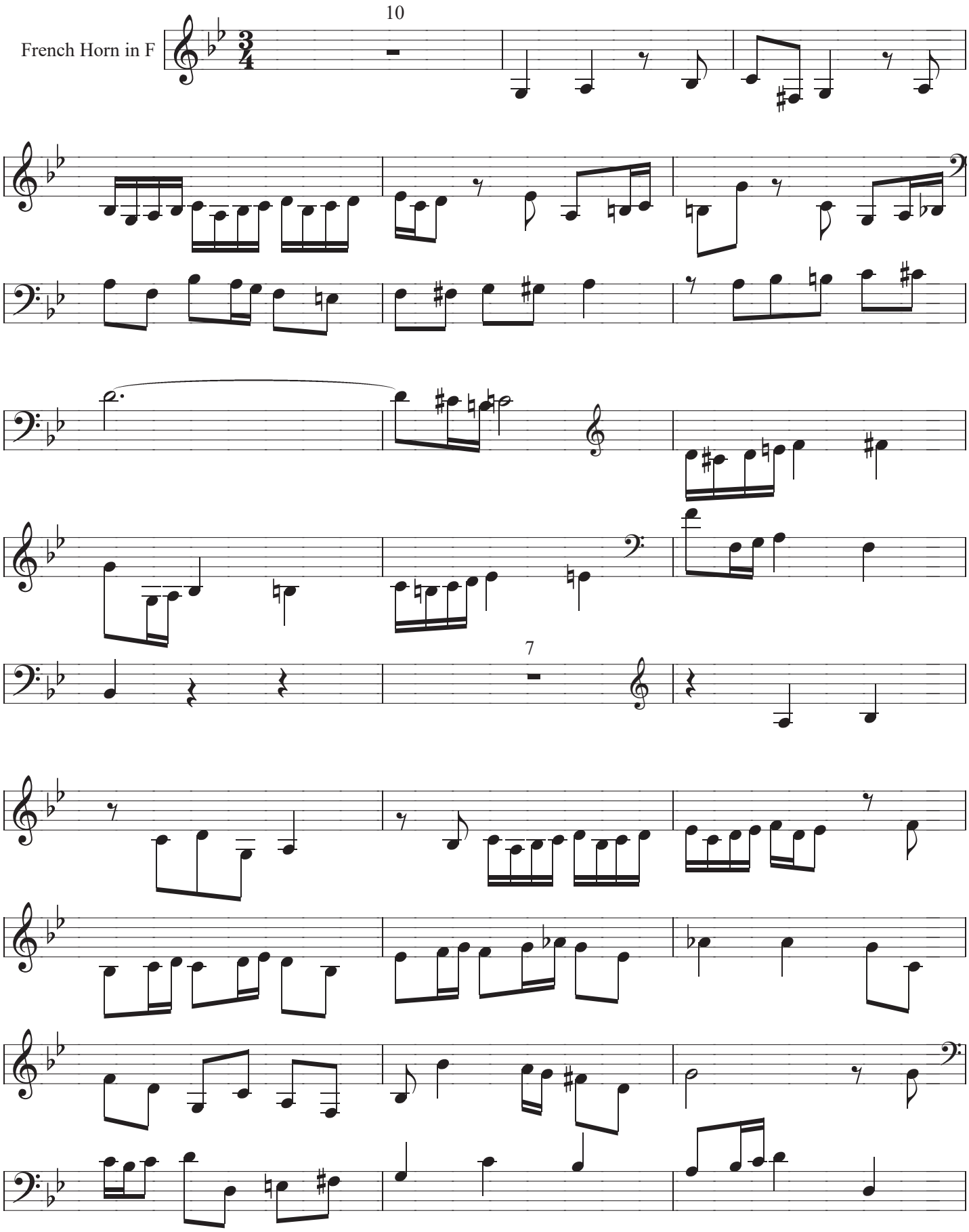
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BWV 892

for

Clarinet in Bb, Viola, Cello & Bassoon

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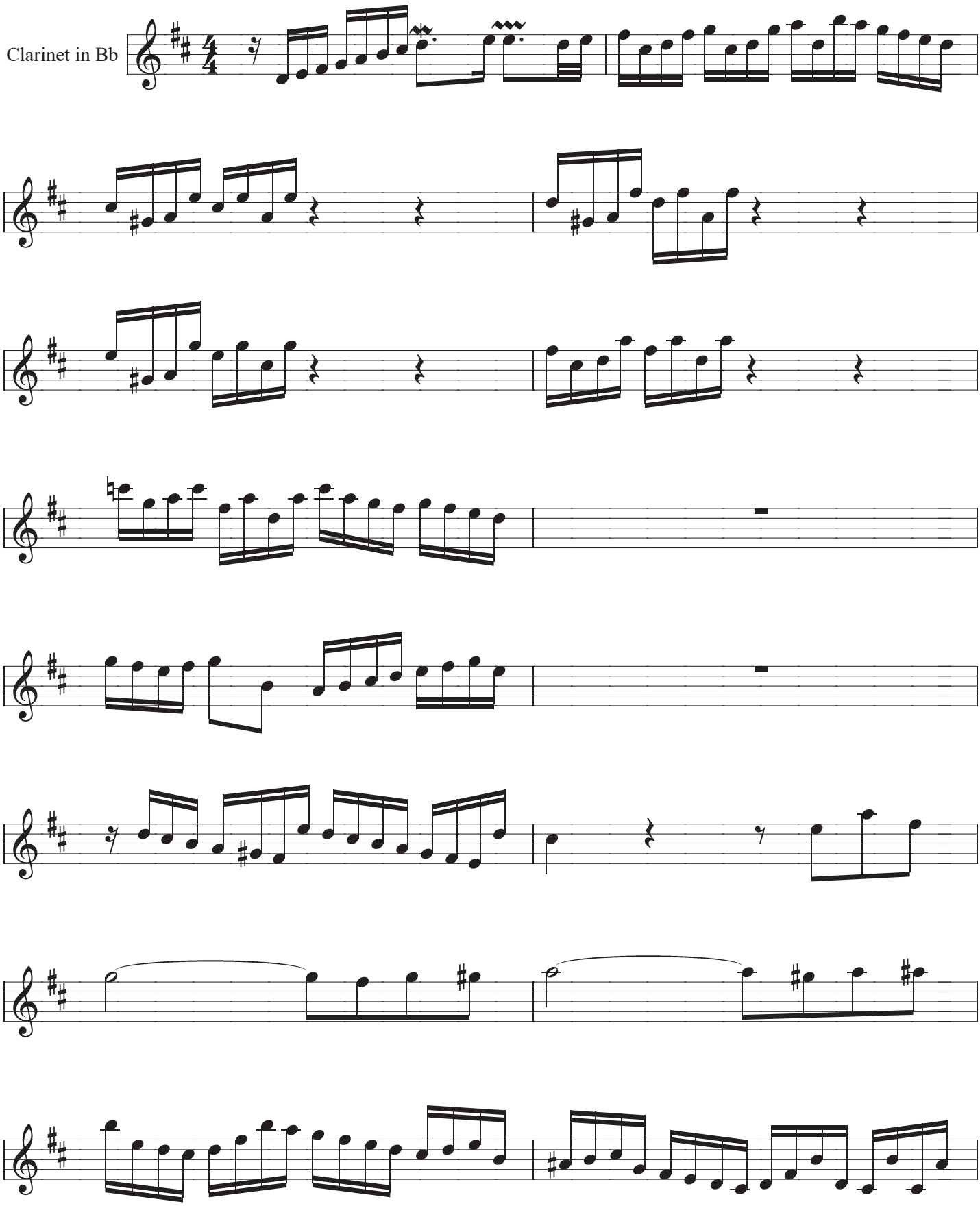
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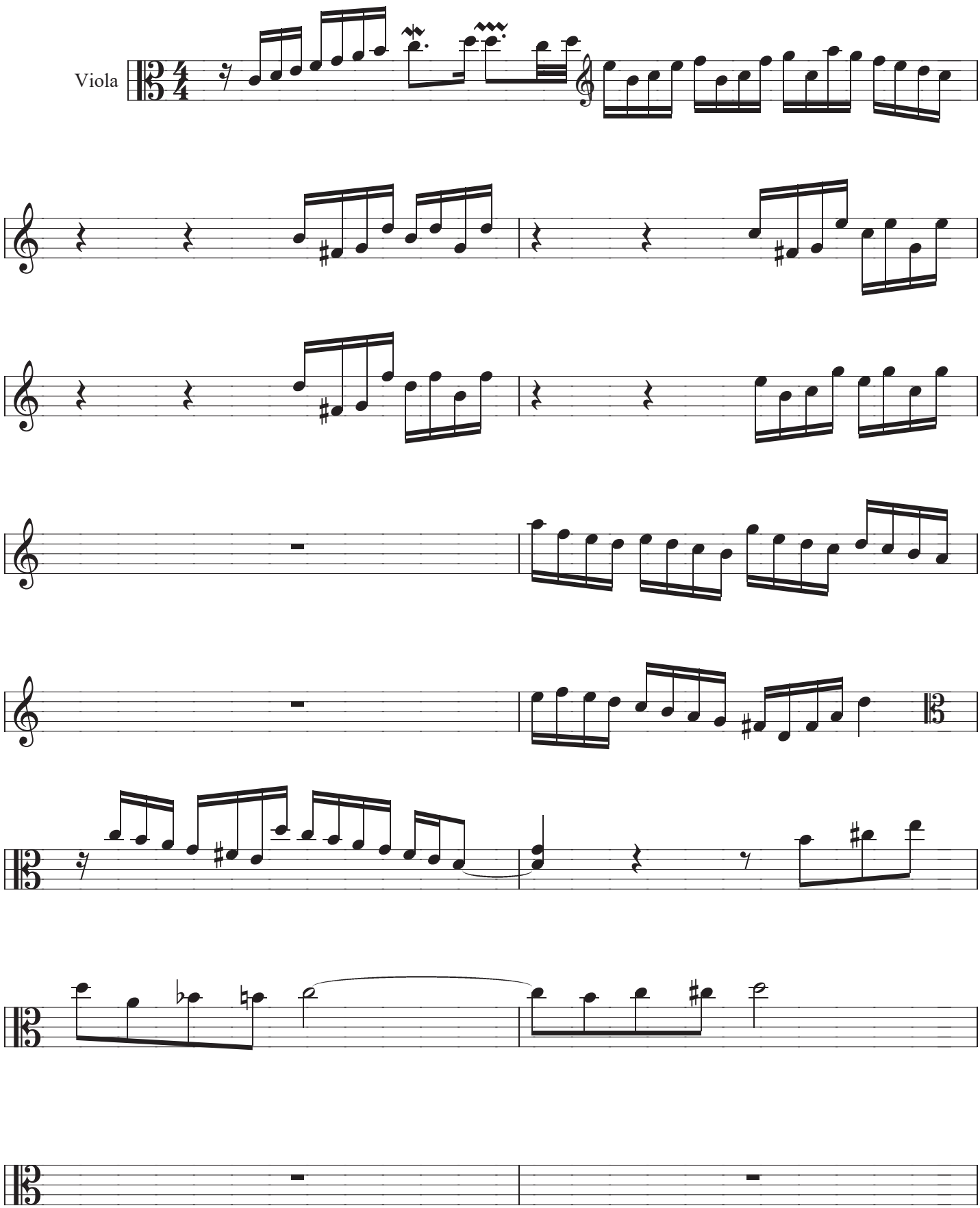
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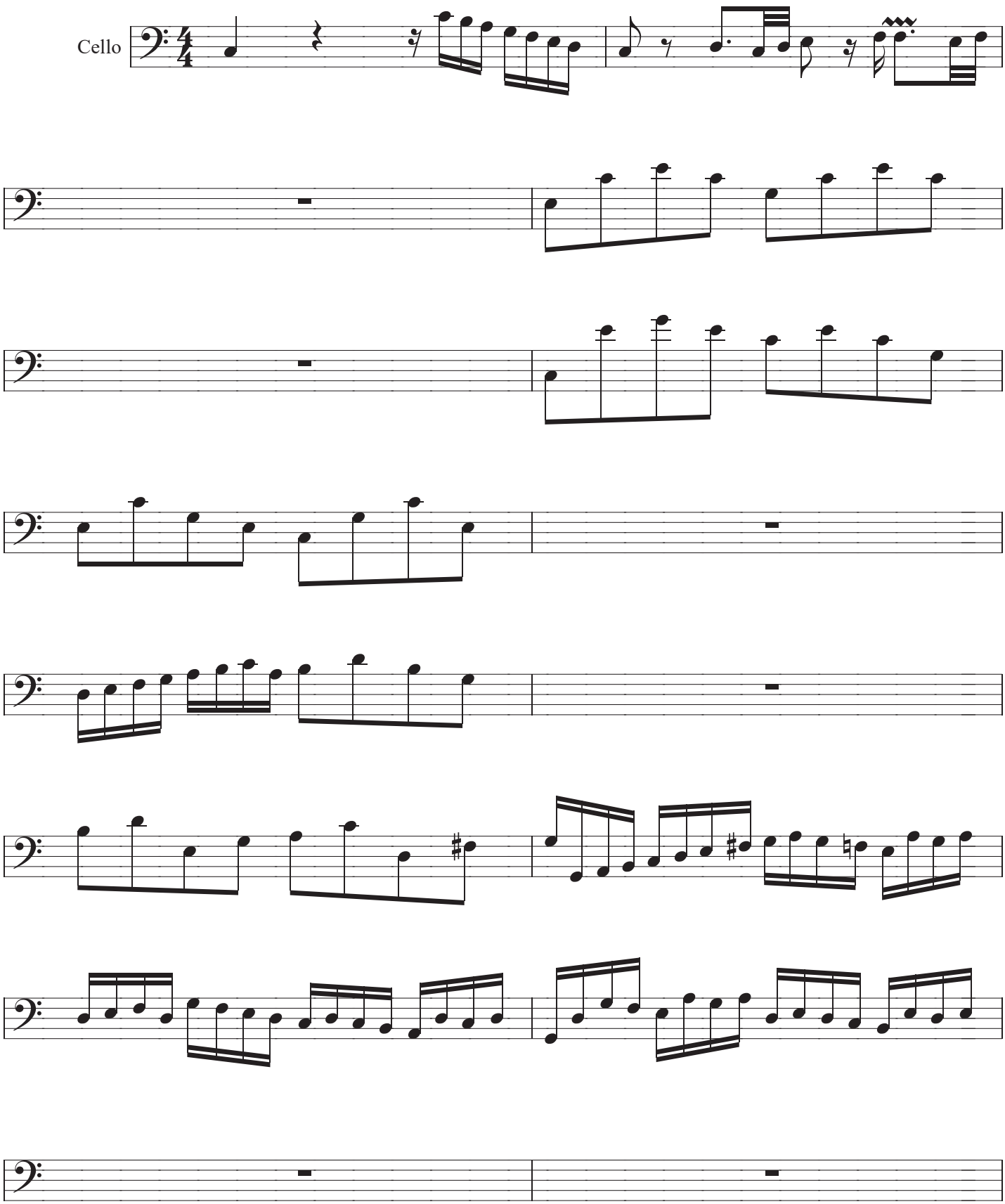
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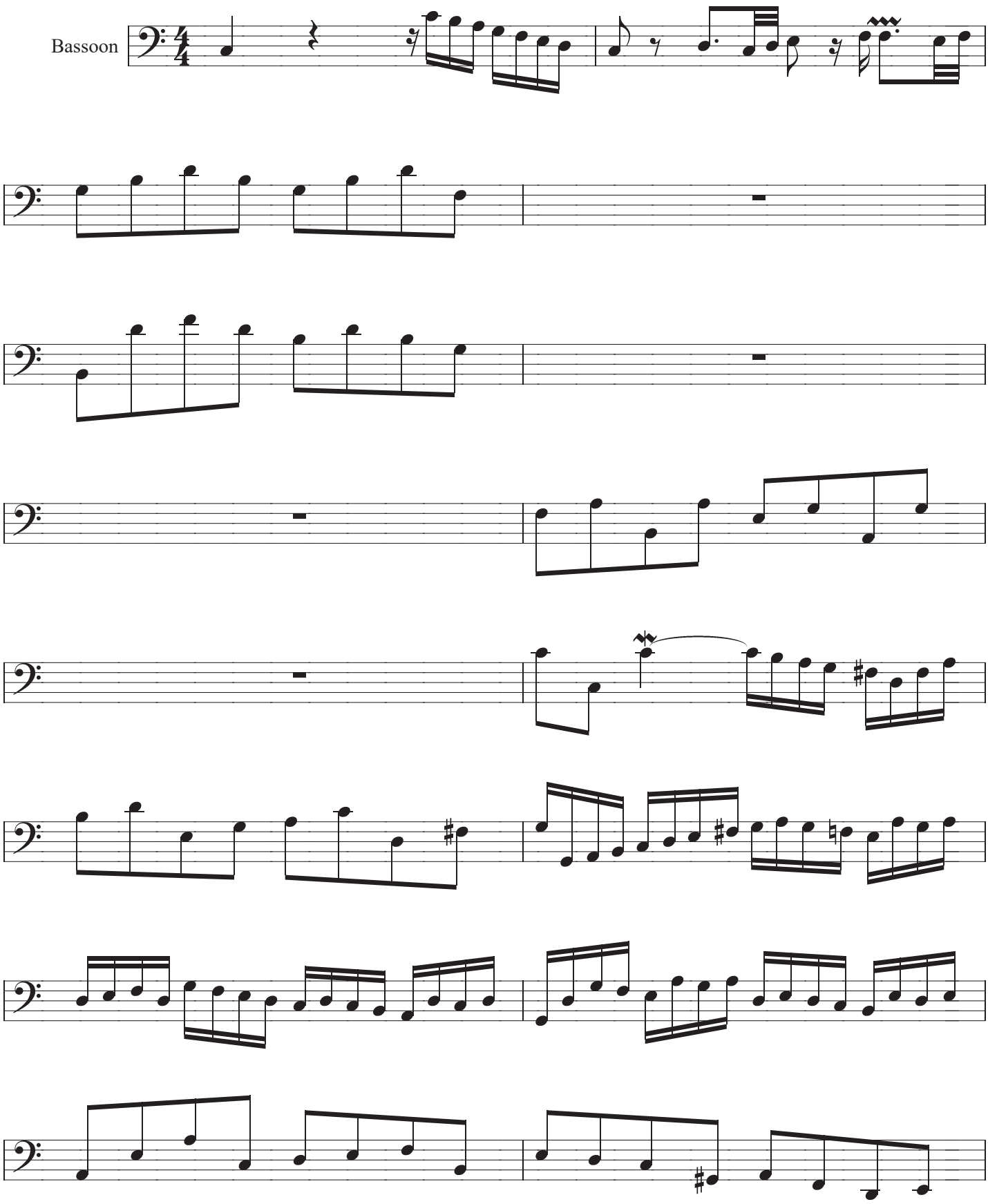
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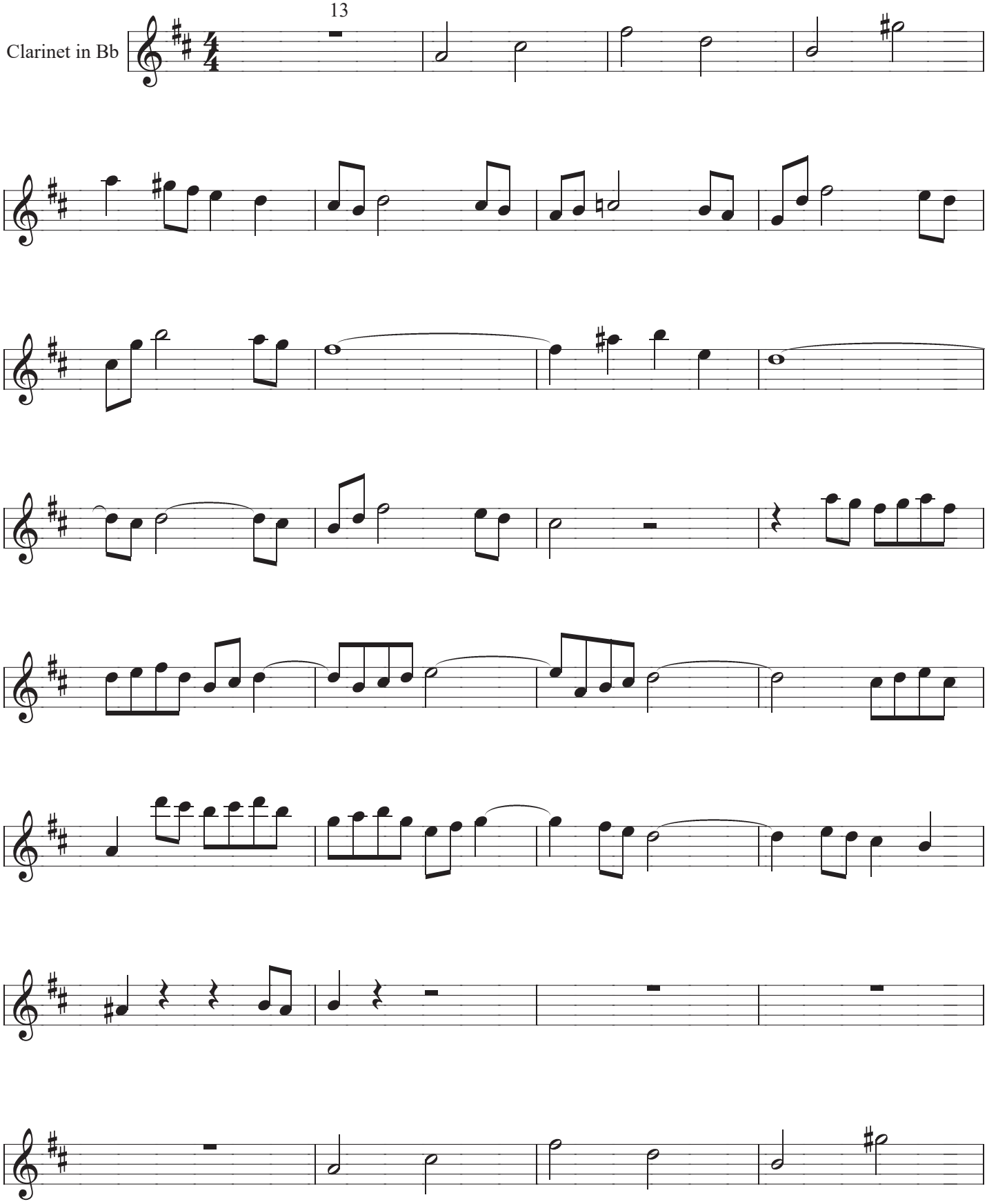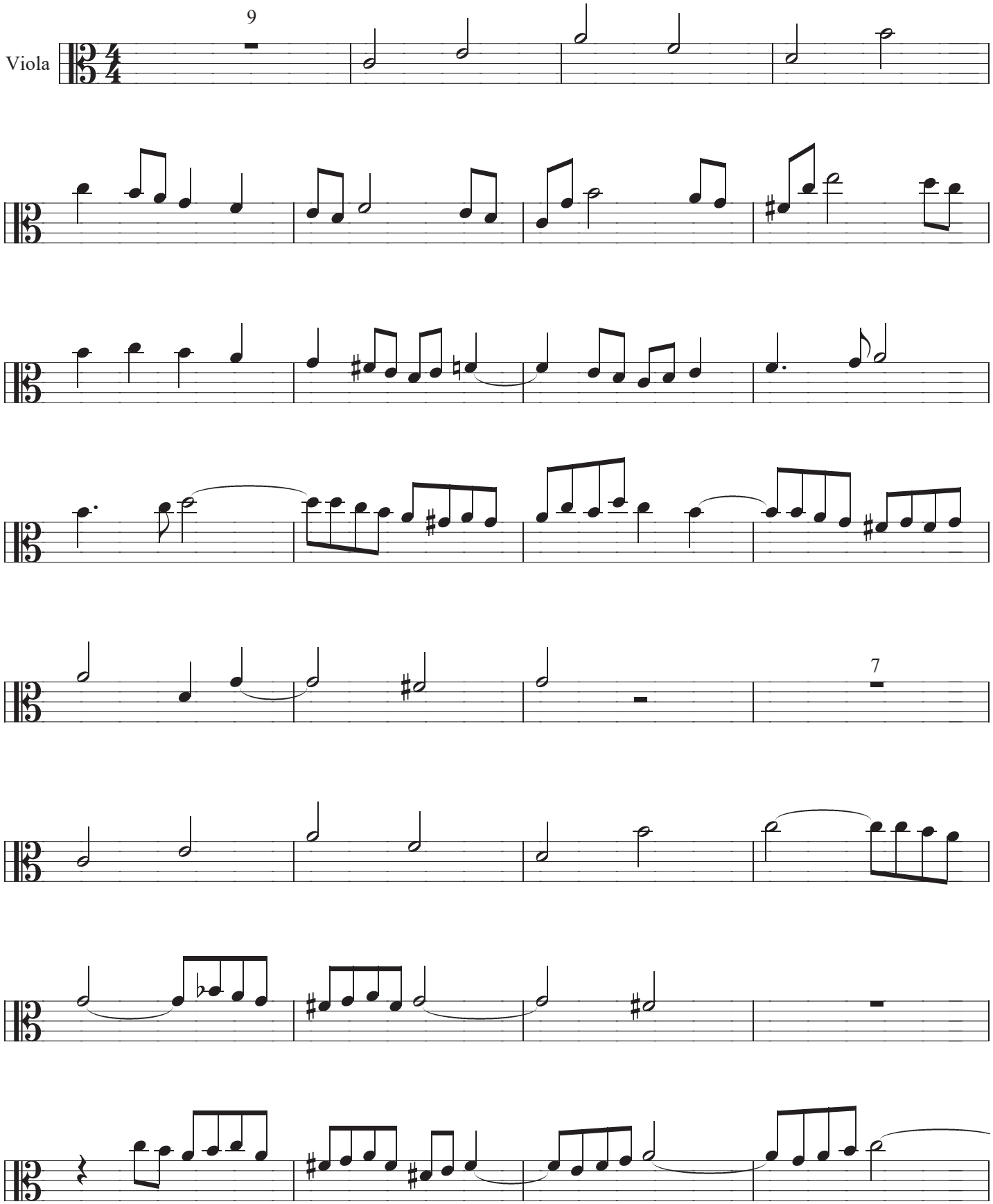
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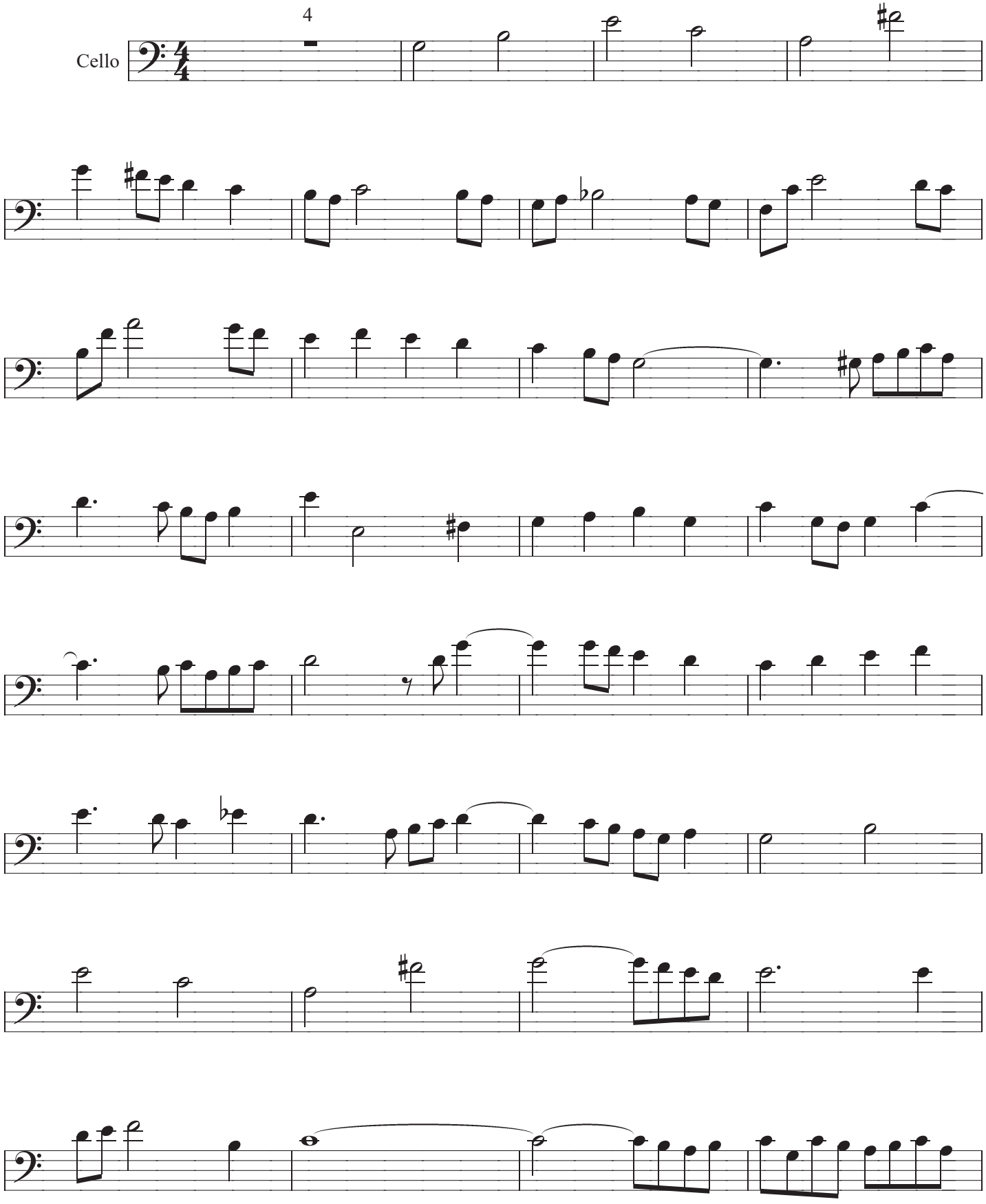
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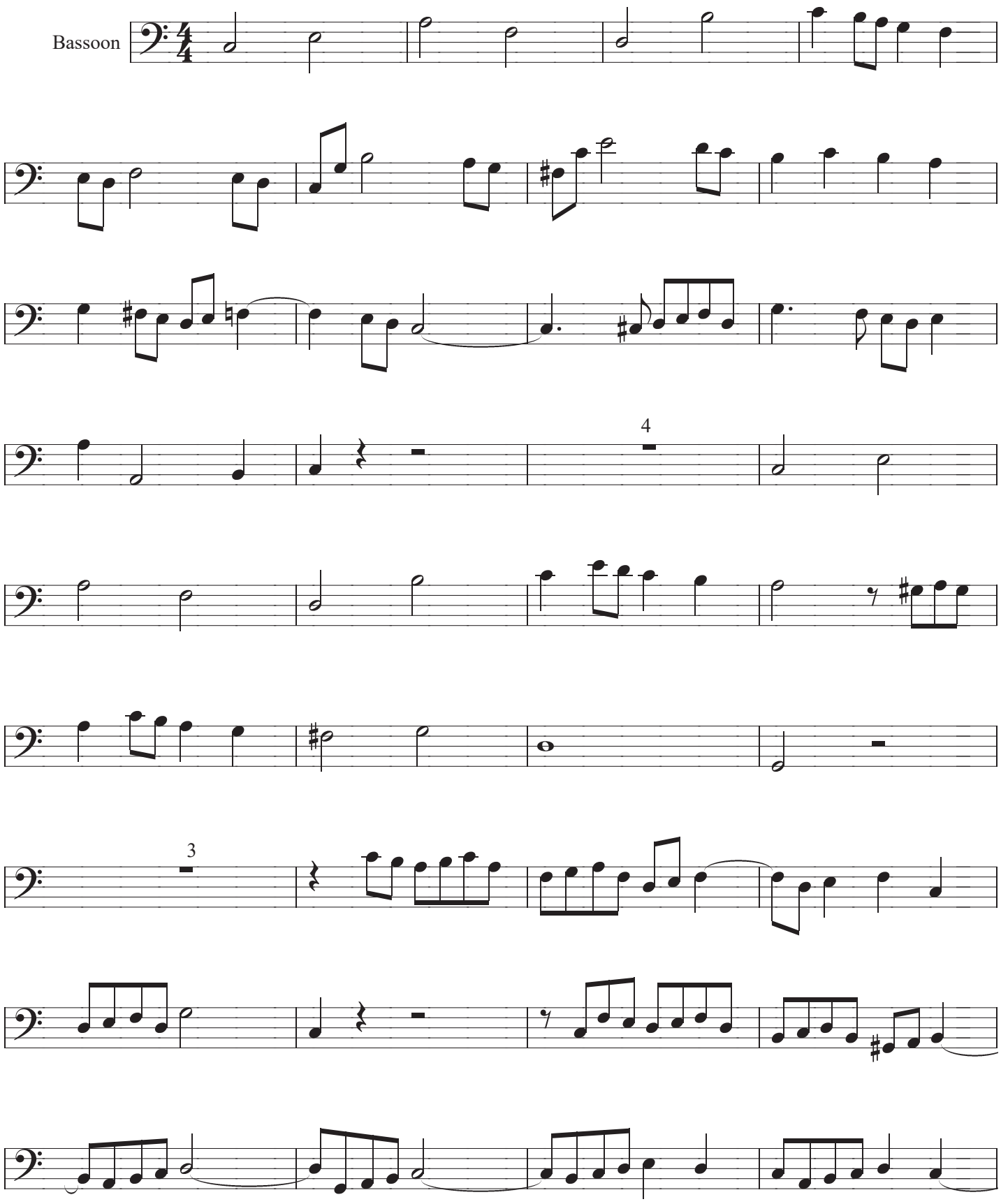
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Colors of the Well-Tempered Clavier II

Prelude & Fugue no. 24

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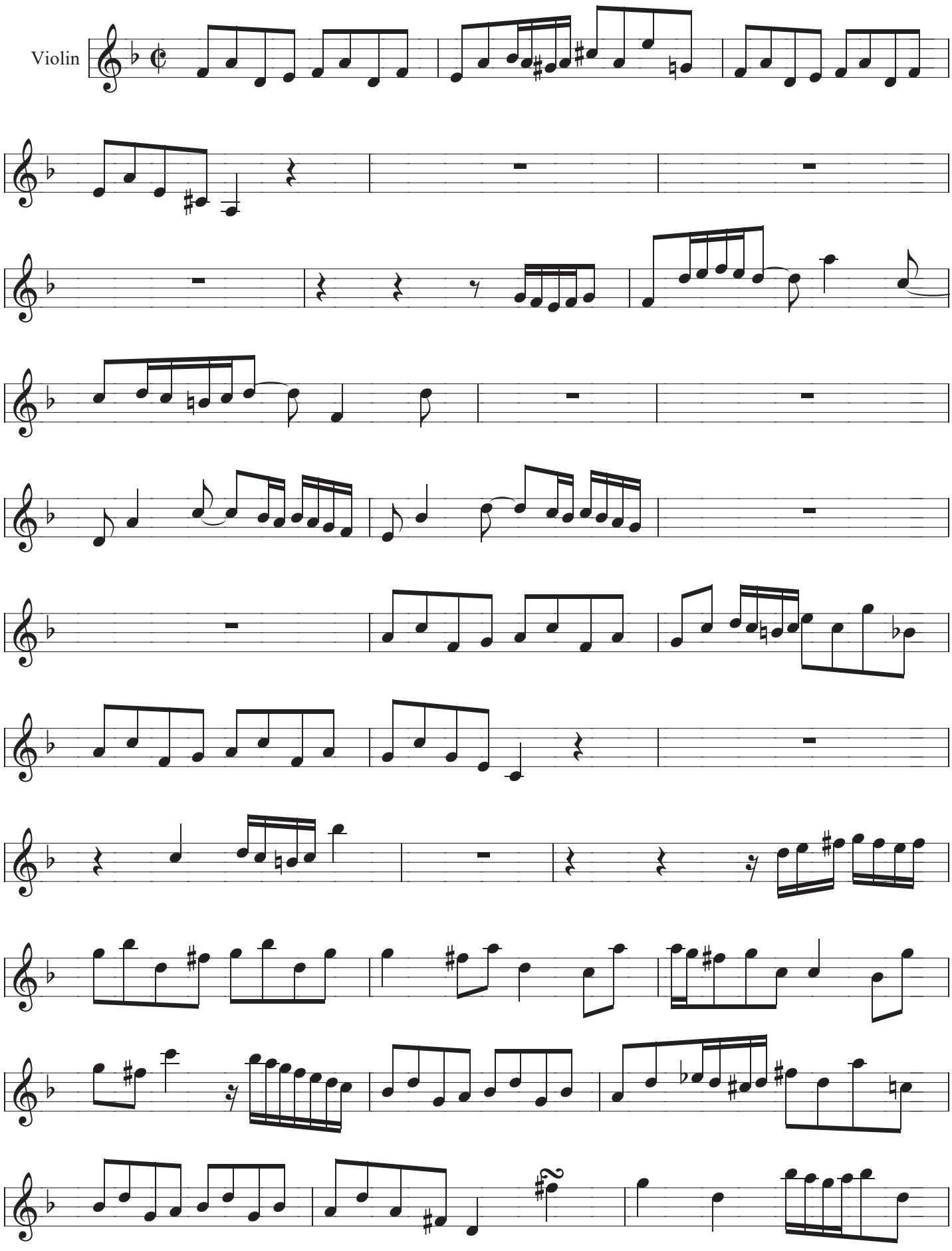
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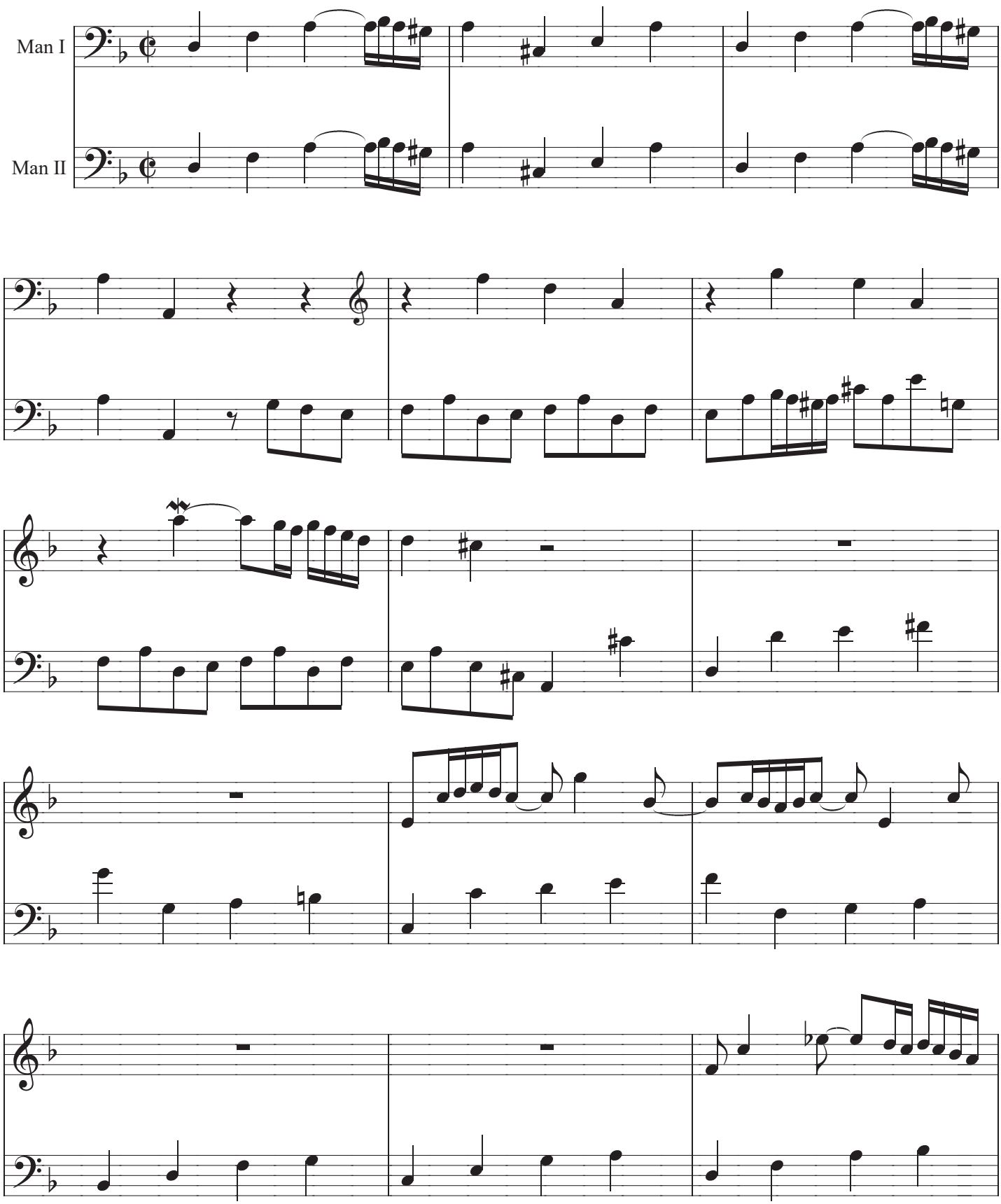
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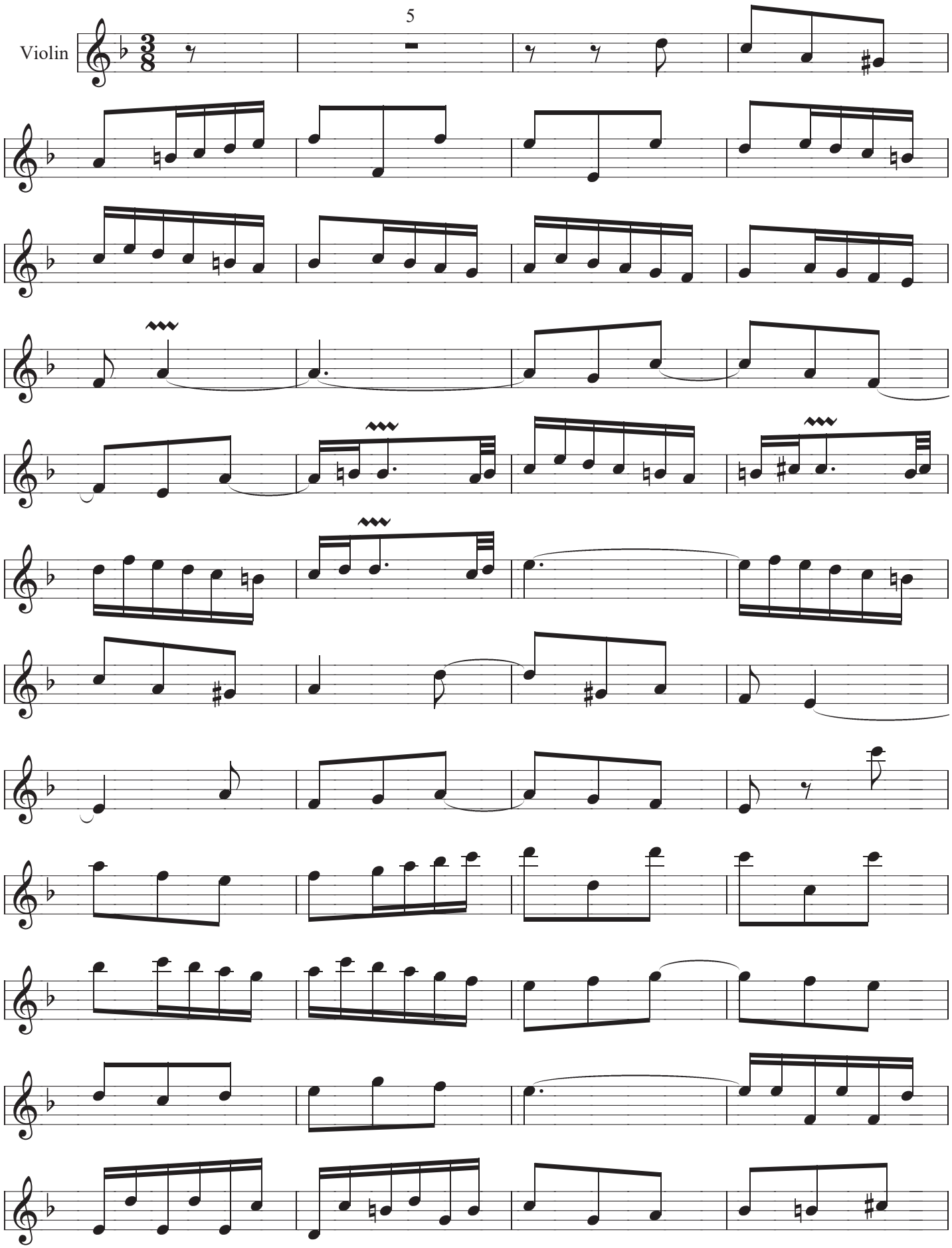
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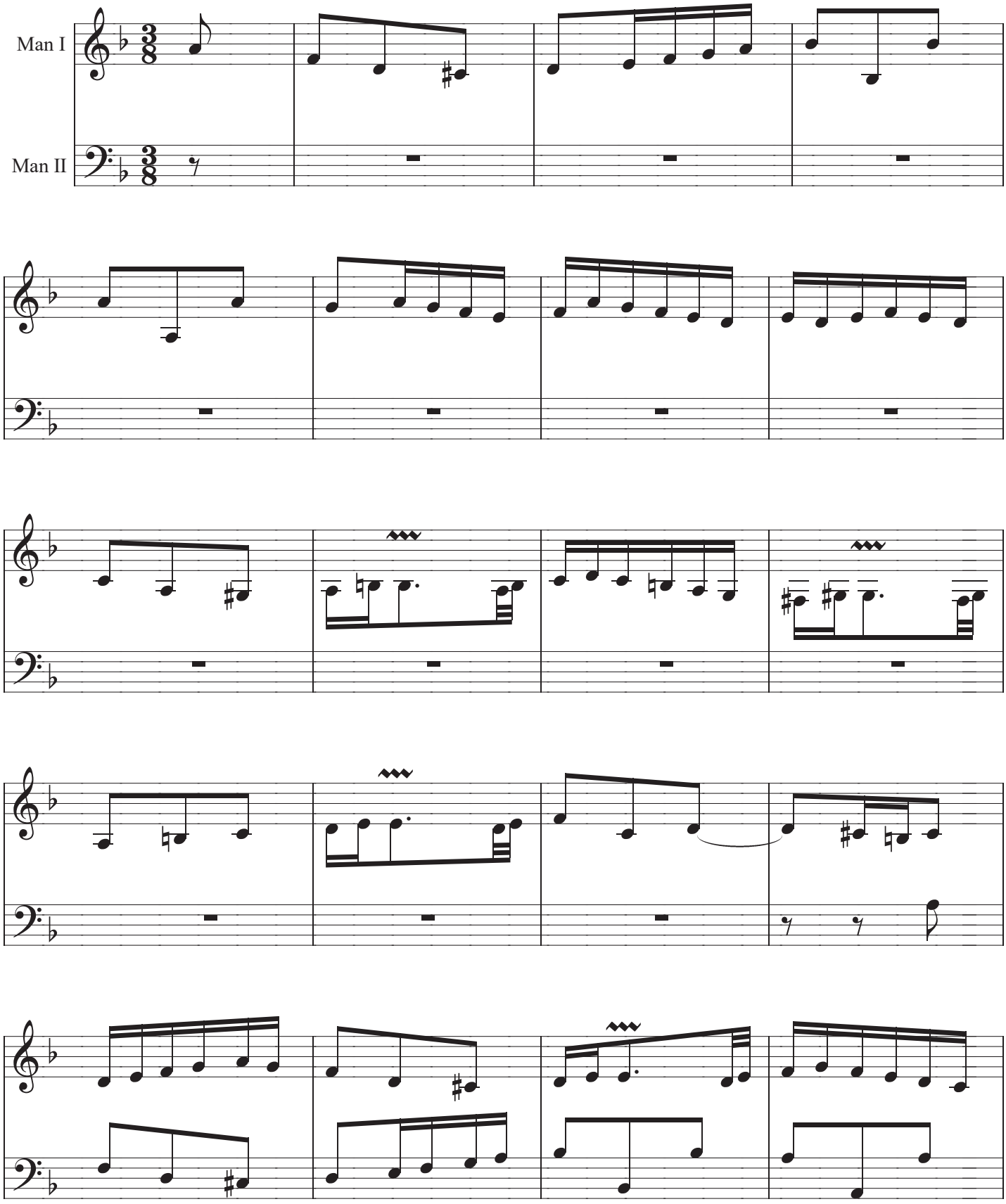
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